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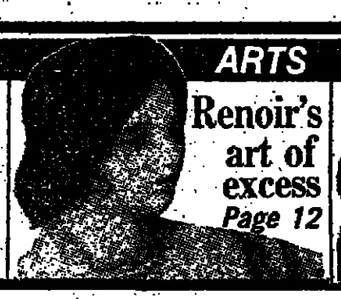
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IN MEMORIAM: Faces at yesterday's unveilling by the Prime Minister of the memorial to Yvonne Fletcher which will stand in St James's Square near where the WPc was shot dead by a gunman in the Libyan embassy last April. Picture by Garry Weaser. Thatcher plea, picture page 3.

Thatcher and NCB act to precipitate mass return

PM rules out pit compromise

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher underlined last night the Government's determination not to compromise on the miners' dispute in a more clearly intended to spur strikers into returning to work next week.

In a parallel action, the National Coal Board formally broke off talks with the National Union of Mineworkers and sat back in the expectation of a flood of strikers reporting for work from Monday.

Mrs Thatcher insisted that the NCB must have the right to manage and that she strongly defended its demand for a written acceptance from the NUM of the need to close uneconomic pits in advance of negotiations.

Her attitude during an interview on the Channel 4 Week In Politics programme was characterised by her outright rejection of any settlement which did not include the board's right to shut down the pits it deemed to be uneconomic.

In the full knowledge that the Labour Party will attack the Government in the Commons debate on the miners, dispute on Monday for insisting on pre-conditions, Mrs Thatcher acknowledged that the NCB was insisting on a pre-condition — "the right of management to manage."

She defended the board's insistence on the written agreement on the grounds that she did not want to dash the hopes of the miners who wanted to return to work by allowing the talks to proceed knowing they were bound to fail.

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"I don't want another round of talks to fail," she said. "I want them to succeed. I know there are many, many striking miners who want to get back and who I believe would accept past procedures and would like to get back on that basis.

"I want them to go back. I do not wish their hopes to be dashed by another round of talks which are doomed to failure. It is because I want these talks to succeed that I do not want those talks to go ahead on a false basis."

Mrs Thatcher offered no excuses for talking about the "enemy within." She said: "The enemy within are those who do not believe in the democratic system but who would use violence or intimidation or other means than democracy to obtain their ends."

It was put to Mrs Thatcher that she should take the present opportunity for talks without pre-conditons to allow the miners a "dignified way out."

She replied: "You never compromise with violence. You never compromise with intimidation. You never compromise with those who want to use these things to extinguish freedom and democracy.

Mrs Thatcher said there had been seven rounds of talks and added: "You might say they have been without preconditions. They have all foundered on the same thing—that this leadership of the NUM will not accept what has always been the case, that loss-making pits, indeed uneconomic pits, shall close after due procedures and that the NCB shall have the right to make the decision.

"It foundered on that very thing. You cannot compromise with the right of management to manage."

Gunmen murder German arms expert

From Anna Tomforde, in Bonn

The murder by left-wing extremists of an armaments industrialist in Munich yesterday is seen as further proof of international terrorist action against military and strategic networks of Nato.

Dr Ernst Zimmermann, aged 55, who was shot in the head by a young couple in his home at Gauting near Munich, was the president of the German Aerospace Arms Manufacture Association.

He was also board chairman of the Motoren und Turbinen Union (MTU) of Munich, a leading producer of engines for the Leopard II battle tank and the Tornado fighter-bomber. MTU has close business links with Rolls-Royce and General Electric, and is owned jointly by Daimler-Benz and M.A.N.

In a telephone call to a local newspaper yesterday, the Red Army faction said it carried out the attack.

"West European guerrillas are shaking the imperialist system," the caller said and added that the action was carried out by a "Patrick O'Hara," named after the IRA terorist who died in a hunger strike in Northern Ireland in 1981.

West Germany's chief prosecutor had earlier blamed the attack on the Red Army Faction, saying that biographical details of Dr Zimmermann had

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Dr Ernst Zimmerman: victim of the Red Army Faction

Pessimistic TUC seeks Acas aid

By Patrick Wintour and Malcolm Pithers

The TUC is to attempt during the weekend to revive the possibility of talks between the NUM and the NCB through the conciliation service, Acas. But its leaders are pessimistic about the position of the NUM, whose leaders are to visit Acas on Monday.

The decision to end the phase of talks about talks was made by a full meeting of the NCB's board and followed a futher explanatory letter from the miners' national executive, which had been encamped at the headquarters of the TUC throughout the day.

The NUM executive again rejected in its letter the NCB's demand that the union accept in adance that uneconomic pits must be placed on the agenda for any talks. The NUM instead wrote that it would "talk on all matters relating to the future of collieries" but omitted any explicit statement that the union would talk about uneconomic capacity.

Mr Michael Eaton, the board spokesman, encapsulated the impasse last night by saying: "Mr Scargill says he will talk about anything, we say he must talk about economic closures."

The board added in a statement that "it had made it clear to the union at Tuesday's informal talks and in writing that they required the National Union of Mineworkers to put forward proposals to provide a basis for the board to determine that it was worthwhile to enter negotiations to reach a settlement of the dispute."

It said the central issue for negotiation must be the issue of uneconomic capacity. "However, in all the correspondence of the past few days, a procedure to deal with uneconomic capacity had not been once mentioned by the union," the board added.

The board's attitude provoked an angry reaction at a meeting of the executive of the pit deputies union, Nacods. The executive will meet the board next week to discuss whether the board's attitude to negotiations with the NUM could cut across its own peace deal signed last October.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, said as executive members returned to the coalfields after three days in London: "The board has shown it determination to smash this union and make it accept the position that pits should be closed on grounds of economics even before this union gets round the negotiat-

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THE FATE OF EUROPE
Forty years ago, three ageing statesmen met in a villa in the Crimea and within a week, sealed the fate of post-war Europe. On the anniversary of the historic Yalta conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, Guardian writers examine the legacy they left.

Tuesday

HARD TIMES
University researchers are living from hand to mouth. Perhaps that is more than you can say for some schoolchildren, confronted by some school meals. Education Guardian examines two areas of frequent and bitter complaint.

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WE APOLOGISE to readers who did not get the Guardian yesterday and to those who received only an early edition not including later news and services. This shortfall was caused by a continuing disagreement involving NGA chapels in our London composing room. We are very sorry.

Thatcher 'got Ponting top job for £12m cut in Defence bill'

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The Prime Minister personally intervened to get Mr Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant charged under the Official Secrets Act, an important job in the Ministry of Defence, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher was so delighted with his work on cutting out waste that she had asked Mr Ponting to address the Cabinet on what he had achieved, the court was told.

It also heard that he was awarded an OBE for his work in 1980, when he was a principal secretary and was promoted to an assistant secretary the next year at the relatively young age of 35.

Mr Ponting is accused of sending two documents, one confidential but since declassified, the other with no security marking, to the Labour MP, Mr Tam Dalyell about the sinking of the General Belgrano. He was appearing yesterday for the first time in the witness box. He denies the charges.

He said in reply to his counsel, Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, that he had been chosen in 1979 by Sir Derck Rayner, then the Prime Minister's adviser on Whitehall efficiency, to look into the supply of food in the armed forces. He had produced proposas leading to a £12 million saving in capital costs and savings in annual running costs of up to £4 million.

After that, Mr Ponting had a period of "gardening leave" while the ministry looked for a job for him.

The court heard that Sir Derek was worried that civil servants who had been critical of their department were being penalised. Mr Ponting was told that when Sir Derek discovered what he was doing, he contacted the Prime Minister, who brought the matter up with the then head of the Civil Service Sir Ian Bancroft. Mr Ponting was appointed to a post dealing for the defence budget.



Richard Hastie-Smith.— hoped Ponting would resign

Mr Ponting said he was in tune with the political philosophy of the Government, particularly in its attitude towards tackling problems in Whitehall. He agreed it was the duty of civil servants sometimes to draw the attention of ministers to political developments. He had joined the SDP when it was founded in 1981, but said that his membership did not conflict with his job as a civil servant.

Mr Richard Hastie-Smith, the ministry's chief personnel officer, earlier told the court that he did not deny it was his personal hope that Mr Ponting's case would be dealt with by resignation after Mr Ponting admitted last August

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African aid pledges top $1 bn despite Britain's reluctance

By Campbell Page in Paris and David McKie in London

The World Bank has unexpectedly managed to meet its target of $1 billion (nearly £900 million) for a special fund to alleviate poverty in sub-Saharan Africa despite British reluctance to commit any extra money.

The target was reached in Paris yesterday when Japan reversed an earlier decision and agreed to contribute $300 million over three years.

Together with contributions from Britain and Germany, this will add $425 million in joint financing which gives the donor country a say in the distribution to the $667 million agreed on Thursday at the start of the two day meeting called by the World Bank. This makes a total of nearly $1.1 billion.

The sub-Saharan fund is intended to provide finance for agriculture and infrastructural improvements to alleviate the underlying causes of famine.

Britain, along with Japan and Germany, had originally refused to contribute. Germany and Japan changed their minds yesterday by offering "new" money.

Britain agreed to contribute £75 million over five years but appears not to have made up its mind whether this will be "new" money or merely money diverted from other parts of the existing aid budget.

The UK position has been one of welcoming the fund while being unable to contribute because of budget constraints. Eleven countries headed by Italy ($153 million) and France ($150 million) have already made direct pledges to the facility.

More than 100 MPs, including 49 Conservatives, have signed a Commons motion urging the Government to make additional resources available. Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs, is one of the sponsors.

Mr Abdlatif Al-Hamad, a former Kuwaiti finance minister who chaired the World Bank meeting of representatives from 23 countries in Paris, said he was delighted with total pledge. Donors had shown a great sense of responsibility about the deep crisis in Africa.

As expected the United States made no contribution but reserved its resources for its own five-year $500 million plan for African development. West Germany joined Britain and Japan in providing special joint financing.

The Labour foreign affairs spokesman, Mr Denis Healey said in a statement issued before the £75 million was announced that people all over Britain had dug deep into their pockets to help the starving millions in Africa. But without long-term help from governments, the situation would get worse.

The World Bank had predicted that over half the population of Africa could be living in absolute poverty by the end of the century. Many millions of children would die of starvation.

He condemned the earlier reluctance to contribute as "shameful."

IRA shoots bus driver



JAMES GRAHAM (above) a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in the school bus he drove yesterday — and became the third brother in his family to die at the hands of the IRA.
Mr Graham, aged 39, the father of two teenaged daughters, ran down the aisle of the empty bus pursued by the terrorists who shot him at close range before he could draw his own weapon. The murder happened at Derrynin, Co. Fermanagh.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

'Stay and fight' call

LABOUR councillors fighting rate-capping were urged by Mr Neil Kinnock last night to stay in power to protect their communities. Back page.

Keep it dark!

MPs discussing a bill to open up more local authority proceedings to press and public heard of a private meeting called to discuss a council booklet. — The Right to Know. Page 2.

Shipyard strike

SHIPYARD workers struck yesterday after rejecting demands for a pay freeze and the introduction of new working practices. Back page.

Powell demand

NAMES of the patients of test tube baby doctors will have to be disclosed under the terms of Mr Enoch Powell's bill banning embryo research. Page 3.

Market moves

POUND: down 0.0075 to $1.1240; FT index down 8.6 to 977.5; Dow Jones down 9.05 to 1277.75. Markets, page 21.

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Jury clears Aitken of 'Sue Ellen' libel



Hazel Pinder-White — wanted apology

By David Pallister

Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet South was yesterday cleared of libelling one of his constituents, Mrs Hazel Pinder-White. He had compared her to Sue Ellen of Dallas in a magazine article.

The High Court jury returned a majority verdict rejecting Mrs Pinder-White's claim that she had been branded as an alcoholic adulteress. She will have to pay the costs, estimated at between £25,000 and £30,000.

Mr Aitken said afterwards: "If I had lost this case it would not have been safe to make a joke in public life again.

"I don't want to discuss Mrs Pinder-White again. As the late Groucho Marx said, 'If I never see her again, it's too soon'."

Mrs Pinder-White left the court without comment.

The article which offended her appeared in the monthly East Kent Critic three years ago. In it, Mr Aitken suggested that Mr Pinder-White, a retired textile director who has since died, could have played JR in a Thanet version of Dallas. Mrs Pinder-White, he wrote, "could play Sue Ellen beautifully."

Before the five-day trial Mr Aitken had tried to explain his joke. He told Mrs Pinder-White on the telephone: "I thought you would be flattered. Sue Ellen is a very beautiful woman."

She replied: "So was Lucretia Borgia, but I wouldn't want to be compared with her, either."

Mrs Pinder-White told the jury that she felt she had been characterised as "a high-class prostitute who drank heavily."

She wanted Mr Aitken to apologise on his knees in the middle of Viking Bay, Broadstairs.

In his summing up, Mr Justice Caulfield suggested to the jury that the magazine "could not bring a blush to a virgin's cheek or a frown to the well-furrowed brow of a matron."

Key to a world of dyed maggots and banned books

By David McKie

IN STEVENAGE, Hereford-shire, a council sub-committee met in secret to debate the colour of the roses in the war memorial gardens, and the use of dyed maggots by anglers.

In Sefton, on Merseyside, a mysterious "special sub-committee" was drawing up a black list of books to be kept out of local libraries: among the works to be banished were novels by Graham Greene.

And somewhere in Wales, there is a council whose Slaughterhouse and Straying Animals sub-committees insist on meeting behind closed doors.

This anthology of clandestine assignments in the world of local government was assembled in the Commons yesterday when the House gave an unopposed second reading to the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, a private member's bill sponsored by Mr Robin Squire (Con, Hornchurch) which would open up town hall doors.

The bill would give press and public the right — subject to specified exemptions — to attend council sub-committees, to get hold of committee and sub-committee minutes, to receive three days ahead reports which are coming up for debate, and to have rights of access to documents on which council discussions and decisions are founded.

The bill applies at present only to England and Wales, but moves will be made in committee to extend it to Scotland and possibly Northern Ireland. The junior environment minister, Mr William Waldegrave, welcomed it on behalf of the Government, subject to some "serious but terminal" provisos which could be looked at in committee. He also favoured its extension to Scotland.

Mr Squire picked Stevenage at random. It was no better and no worse, he said, than many other councils. In mid-Suffolk there was a poultry meat sub-committee and a bottle bank sub-committee which met behind closed doors, while in Nottinghamshire there was a residents' parking sub-committee which did the same. In Stevenage they also had a sub-committee which met in private to discuss a booklet called Your Right To Know.

He believed his bill would increase the public accountability of councillors, improve the quality of decision-making by creating a better flow of information, and enhance relations between the people who ran local government and their electorate. Three councils — Brent, Bradford, and Derbyshire — were successfully applying its provisions already.

Mr Allan Roberts (Lab, Bootle), a former Manchester housing chairman, recalled from his own local government days a body known as the "secretarial services sub-committee" which always met in private. It was made up of members of the council's policy committee, who adopted this soubriquet when drawing up lists of people to invite to civil occasions.

He said that Sefton council, which takes in his constituency, had 14 sub-committees which consisted either of the chairman and the vice-chairman or of the chairman alone. He cited one committee known only as the "special sub-committee" which had drawn up a list of 100 publications to keep out of local libraries — including When The Wind Blows, by Raymond Briggs; A Hundred Questions On Pregnancy, by Claire Rayner; and novels by Graham Greene and Norman Mailer.

When people campaigning for the bill wrote to Sefton council about it, he said, they had inadvertently been sent an internal memo from the chief executive instructing "send the usual reply to this rubbish."

Mr Roberts said that local government was under serious threat from central government, and needed all its strength to resist these attacks. The best way was to take this legislation on board and forge a partnership between voters, councillors, and officials.

He accepted that there must be exemptions to the legislation, but was keen that confidentiality should not be too far preserved over contracts and tenders. There ought to be more openness in dealing with them, and he thought that the web of corruption which had come to light in the Poulson case might have been prevented by such legislation.

Mr Charles Irving (Con., Cheltenham) arrived late for the debate, but was cheered by MPs when he said that his absence had been in connection with "substantial improvements" in the Commons catering department. He cited a council with sub-committees which never met, all business being transacted by the chairman on the telephone. Another council had 34 sub-committees, none of which were open to the public.

Only one MP spoke against the bill. Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Con., Perth and Kinross), who a week ago astonished MPs with his allegations of improper advances to the Prime Minister by an undisclosed man, said that the bill might produce less information rather than more, since reporters "certainly in my recent experience" enjoyed looking for secrets to unmask.

He opposed the bill, and said that its extension to Scotland would be "constitutionally improper." It would lead to vast extra spending and local government employment.

What some called secrecy, he called confidentiality and trust, he said. The opening up of documents to public scrutiny would be of service to "wreckers." Developers learning that a building was about to be listed could move in and knock it down before it received protection.

A second private member's bill designed to open up meetings of water authorities to press and public began with only 20 minutes left for debate, and was "talked out" by the housing minister Mr Ian Gow. It is not likely to make further progress.

MR WILLIAM Waldegrave, under-secretary at the Department of the Environment, complained in the Commons yesterday about a new form of "journalistic pornography" which relied only on leaks and betrayals.

He was commending to the House a private member's bill designed to open up more local government proceedings to the press and public. He said that the success of the reform would depend very much on the abilities of the local press to use it effectively.

He said there had been a "terrible degradation" in journalistic standards since the Watergate affair. No story seemed of interest nowadays unless it originated in a leak. The only way to get the attention of the press was to stamp your document "secret." That would get it on the front page, while if it was openly available it would be ignored.

Second union backs teachers' action

By John Fairhall, Education Editor

The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers decided last night to join the National Union of Teachers in industrial action unless the employers make an adequate pay offer.

Action by the 235,000 members of the NUT is due to start on Wednesday, without waiting for the February 11 meeting of the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

The NAS/UWT decided yesterday to wait for this next meeting to give the employers a chance to come up with an adequate pay offer which means something well above the 4 per cent already on the table.

If it is not forthcoming, the union will start its action on February 25. The form will include some selective strikes, not covering for absent colleagues, and not doing lunch-time and after-school duties.

The chances of the Burnham meeting staving off widespread disruption of schools later this month is remote. The employers' hopes were that a basic pay rise could be negotiated, but with it a 7½ per cent pay increase tied to a restructuring of the teacher's contract which was being discussed by a working party outside the Burnham Committee.

The collapse of the working party — due to the withdrawal of the NUT — threw the whole of the negotiations onto the Burnham Committee which by its constitution, can deal with pay but not with conditions of service.

Since the local authority employers cannot discuss in Burnham any pay increases based on the teachers accepting re-structuring, the pay negotiations have come down to the 4 per cent Burnham offer which the NUT rejected as "insulting."

Yesterday the Council of Local Education Authorities (CLEA) told the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, that the existing negotiating machinery must go. CLEA wants a single negotiating body to replace the present Burnham Committee which deals only with pay, and the CLEA/School Teachers Committee, which deals only with conditions of service.

CLEA officers have been instructed to work out some alternative form of negotiating machinery which will then be put to Sir Keith. What CLEA has in mind is something similar to the single committee in Scotland which covers both pay and conditions of service.

The idea of changing the negotiating machinery at this stage was dismissed as nonsense by the general secretary of the NUT, Mr Fred Jarvis, who leads the teachers' panel on the Burnham Committee. "There is nothing wrong with the machinery that a more sensible and less stubborn attitude on the part of the employers and Government wouldn't cure," he said.

For the members of CLEA, the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils, to propose scrapping Burnham as a way out of the present dispute was, he said, "a total red and blue herring."

The employers were handying about an offer of a 7½ per cent increase tied to restructuring, Mr Jarvis said. "I asked at the last Burnham Committee if the employers could guarantee that this sum of money was available but I got no answer. They have not said that Sir Keith has given them this 7½ per cent. If it is available why not offer it without pre-conditions?"

John Ardill adds: concerted action by public service workers, particularly teachers and council manual staff who are both in deadlocked pay talks, will be discussed by the TUC's public services and local government committees on Monday.

A joint effort will be sought by the National Union of Public Employees whose executive yesterday authorised industrial action by its members among the manual staff if employers do not improve their 4.75 per cent offer. The Transport and General Workers Union has also said it will back industrial action by manual workers.

Although the employers described their offer as final when talks broke down a week ago, the unions are hopeful that the unprecedented threat of teachers and manual workers in dispute together will bring them back to the negotiating table.

The offer constrasts strongly with a 5.6 per cent increase to the lowest paid council white collar staff in a recent arbitration award on last year's pay claim, and the offer of 6.2 per cent over 15 months to council building and civil engineering workers.

The manual unions have so far been refused a change in their settlement date, a demand which they made the prime focus of their claim.

Public service union leaders who have been building a campaign of co-ordinated pay bargaining and concerted action were not anticipating a major confrontation before next year. But the decision of the NUT to start limited action next week and the stance of the manual unions could bring an early start.

Labour goes on offensive over settlement

Time to expose Tory pits interference says Kinnock

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

The Labour Party intends to go on the offensive over the miners' dispute on Monday with a Commons motion attacking the Government for impeding progress towards a settlement.

The Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, who two weeks ago attacked leftwingers for demanding a debate on the dispute, said yesterday that the time was right to expose the Government's interference.

He reasserted his belief that commercial considerations should be taken into account in the closure of pits under the colliery review procedure.

Anticipating that his words in a BBC radio interview would be quoted against him in Monday's debate, Mr Kinnock emphasised that he had tirelessly expressed this view.

He said: "I want an honourable settlement. I want one which will ensure that foolish decisions about colliery closures are not taken, that they are taken on the proper grounds of exhaustion and safety and, yes, including commercial considerations, which has always been the fact before under the colliery review procedure, and always will be in the future."

Mr Kinnock added that a blank cheque to close whole communities on the basis of one or two years of accountants' figures was not the right way to manage Britain's basic industry energy.



Neil Kinnock: 'no foolish decisions'

The Opposition will be looking to Monday's debate to restore some of their morale after Mr Kinnock was shouted down in Thursday's censure debate in the Commons.

Mr Stan Orme, the shadow energy secretary will open the attack on a motion condemning the Government for its public and private activities in impeding the progress towards negotiations in the mining dispute, despite the massive cost to the nation of prolonging the strike.

The motion also welcomes the National Union of Mineworkers decision to seek the immediate resolution of negotiations with the National Coal Board without preconditions, and demands that the Government takes a positive approach by letting the NCB "settle this long and damaging dispute forthwith."

The strongest card which could be available to the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, in replying to this charge would be a substantial return to work on Monday by miners tired of waiting for the two sides to reach agreement.

The Government will also seek to exploit some of the past divisions within the Opposition about their support for the strike, while Labour MPs will protest about the alleged interference of the Prime Minister with the NCB's demand for a written acceptance by the NUM of the need to close uneconomic pits before the latest round of talks began.

Ministers insist that this requirement was made by the NCB, not the Government, and was sensible, given the refusal of the NUM president, Mr Arthur Scargill, to accept the issue which is at the heart of the dispute.

A senior Cabinet minister said yesterday that it would be pointless for the NCB to enter further talks knowing in advance that they must break down because the NUM refuses to accept this key point.

2pc rise for arts causes dismay

By Nicholas de Jongh, Arts Correspondent

Some of the 160 organisations which the Arts Council subsidises will receive no increase in their grants this year, and the average increase passed on to its clients will be only 2 per cent, it was revealed yesterday.

The English National Opera, whose financial position is critical, and the National Theatre, which has said that it will require a substantial increase if it is not to cut its programme, will receive no more than 2 per cent.

The Government seems prepared to accept that both may have to reduce their repertoires.

The chairman of the Arts Council, Sir William Rees-Mogg, is writing to the arts minister, Lord Gowrie, to express the council's dismay about the effect of its small grant increase on many clients.

The council has, however, been able to allocate £3 million in 1985-86 for the first phase of its Glory of the Garden regional development plans. Details of the areas to be selected for development money are to be announced later.

Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary-general, said that the minimal increase in the Government's grant to the Arts Council had caused a dilemma. "It has agonised over whether the longer term interests of the arts are better served by a policy of equal misery for all, or by making a start with our development plans, which are starting to attract significant new funding from local sources.

He said that the council had decided to proceed with its development plans, and hoped that as their effects became clear the Government would recognise the strength and importance of its new strategies.

While the average increase for the council's clients will be 2 per cent, literature, as was predicted last year, will suffer savage cuts. The budget is being reduced from £825,862 to £518,600 and the decrease will lead to renewed speculation that the council finally intends to dissolve this department.

The council's difficulties are compounded by the fact that the Greater London Council is considering withdrawing its art subsidies for the 400 organisations it supports in its area.



Mrs Frances Tate, with daughters Chantel and Michelle, before their ill-fated voyage

Family rescued from Atlantic liferaft



Mr Peter Tate at the helm

A BRITISH family of five has been rescued after drifting for 12 days in the Atlantic on a liferaft. The family, whose yacht, Misty Blue, sank after striking submerged object, were picked up by the Norwegian bulk carrier Havprins.

Peter Tate, aged 36, his wife, Frances, 35, and their three daughters, Michelle, 12, Chantel, 11 and Danielle, 10, are believed to come from Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

New York coastguards said the family were all well and had suffered no ill-effects during their ordeal. They had drifted some 400 miles before being rescued 470 miles off the Guyanan coast on Thursday. The family, who left Britain in August, 1982, were on their way from Tenerife in the Canary Islands to Grenada in the West Indies.

Mrs Tate said she was below deck with the children, helping to make a flag for Grenada, when "the bottom suddenly came inwards." She added: "We had struck something underwater — it could have been anything."

A spokesman for the ship's owner's Havtor Management, said the Tates had little food left when they were found. The Havprins was on its way to South Africa but might change course to let the British family off, he added.

Churchmen rebuke coal board

By Martyn Halsall, Church Correspondent

Church leaders in England, Scotland and Wales called last night for immediate talks to settle the miners' strike and implicitly criticised the National Coal Board for setting pre-conditions.

"While the agenda for such negotiations must include the central issue of economic policy in the mining industry, we believe that neither party should seek to impose its own interpretation in advance of negotiations," said their statement, drafted largely by coalfield chaplains.

"It is surely not the nature of the process of consultation to require decisions by any party before the process begins."

Among the 12 signatories were the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend Derek Childs; the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Reverend John Ward; the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Alastair Haggart, and the President of the Methodist Conference, the Reverend Gordon Barritt.

English Roman Catholic bishops were not represented in the move, the first made jointly by church leaders in the three countries.

The NCB said yesterday that two more pits were producing coal, Kiveton Park, Yorkshire, and Renishaw Park, North Derbyshire. All 52 pits in the Midlands coalfields are being mined.

Seventy-eight of the country's 174 pits are producing coal and another 80 have National Union of Mineworkers' members at work. A further 161 miners turned up for work for the first time yesterday, bringing the total for the week to 1,587, compared with 3,386 last week, said the board.

● Two Derbyshire striking miners who ambushed a working colleague by stringing a cable across the road in the path of his motorcycle were each sentenced to 18 months' youth custody at Derby Crown Court yesterday.

● Eleven striking South Wales miners are to appear in court on charges of criminal damage endangering life after stones were thrown at an M4 lorry convoy ferrying supplies to Llanwern steelworks last November.

Beach radio activity level tops Sellafield limit

By Seumas Milne

Radioactivity levels on the Cumbrian coast near Ravenglass are higher than the safety levels permitted inside the nearby Sellafield plant, British Nuclear Fuels Limited admitted yesterday.

The plutonium contamination limits for worktops and working areas at Sellafield are 100 pico curies per square centimetre, as set by the National Radiological Protection Board. According to Ministry of Agriculture data collected in 1982, contamination at Ravenglass beach from Sellafield's plutonium waste in the Irish sea is 140 pico curies per square centimetre.

Ms Jean Emery, a representative of the anti-nuclear group, Core — which has uncovered these facts — said yesterday that plutonium levels on the shore are now much worse. Recent samples of mud taken by researchers from Bremen University gave contamination levels of 212 pico curies.

Mr Jake Kelly, spokesman for BNFL at Sellafield said that it was "no secret" that levels of radiation in the silt were higher than those allowed in working areas.

"But our limits for working areas err on the side of caution and are merely a safety limit, not a danger limit," he said. "It's completely different working for eight-hour shifts in an area and merely passing briefly over an area of silt on the shore."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said last night that its officials regularly monitored the Ravenglass area. The levels were well within the safety limits set by the International Commission on Radiological Protection.

Dalyell raises report

By David McKie

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, yesterday raised with the Speaker of the House of Commons Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Guardian's report that Ministry of Defence officials had changed an account by the Chief of Naval Staff about the first sighting of the Argentine cruiser Belgrano. Civil servants denied this.

Mr Dalyell said he had tried to table a question about the report. He accepted it was "a grey and difficult area" because of the sub-judice rule, since the Guardian's report rose directly from the trial of Mr Clive Ponting, the civil servant accused of passing information to an unauthorised person (Mr Dalyell).

The Speaker interrupted to say he had not yet seen the Guardian report and would look into the matter and write to Mr Dalyell.



Luke Rittner: 'grants dilemma'

Man arrested by police for kidnapping goes free

By a Correspondent

A man who was dragged from his six-year-old daughter at a bus stop by four policemen who mistook her for a missing three-year-old walked free from court yesterday.

Mr Ace Kelly, a black rights campaigner in London, was arrested on suspicion of abduction despite his protests as his daughter, Simone, screamed "daddy, daddy" as police pulled her away.

The incident occurred last June as Mr Kelly, aged 26, of Tennis Street, Southwark, waited for a bus near County Hall after taking Simone to a Greater London Council jobs festival, the court at Horseferry Road was told.

The arresting officers were convinced that Simone was the missing girl, even after they compared her to a photograph before Mr Kelly was handcuffed and put face down in a police van.

In December, Mr Kelly, chairman of the Stoke Newington and Hackney defence campaign was cleared of police obstruction and counts of assault on the police during incidents which ended in the death in a police station of Mr Colin Roach.

At the resumed hearing yesterday, Mr Kelly was acquitted on a remaining charge of threatening behaviour after six independent witnesses said that they had not heard him use any threatening or abusive language.

However, the magistrate, Mr James Jobling, told him: "Quite frankly, I think your behaviour was appalling, and I think it was likely to cause a breach of the peace."

Later Mr Kelly announced that he is suing the police for wrongful arrest, illegal detention, and malicious prosecution.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UDR man remanded

A PART-TIME member of the Ulster Defence Regiment appeared in a court in Armagh yesterday charged with kidnapping the 37-year-old wife of a local car dealer.

Ian George Clarke, aged 22, of Monaghan Street, Milford, near Armagh, was remanded in custody until Monday accused of stealing and unlawfully carrying away Catherine Bernadette Speer. He was further charged with demanding £100,000 from her husband, Pat, 41, with menaces and possessing a Browning pistol with intent to endanger life.

Gas victims still in hospital

SIX out of the 90 people overcome by chlorine gas at a Norfolk factory on Thursday were still in hospital last night. Five were still under observation, while the sixth was earlier moved from intensive care to a normal ward.

Most of those affected by the gas were workers at the factory, Nichol Beauty Products, in Brunel Way, Thetford, where production resumed yesterday. The accident is understood to have happened when a delivery of sulphuric acid was put in the wrong tank and reacted with another chemical.

Raid on pirate radio station

RADIO JACKIE, the pirate radio station operating south of London, was put off the air yesterday after a raid by Department of Trade investigators and police at the station's premises in Central Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

Strongbridge cleared up

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Housing Corporation yesterday announced that it had finally cleared up the affairs of Strongbridge, the housing association that failed in 1982.

Its liabilities and assets are to be transferred to the Metropolitan Housing Trust, one of the larger housing associations.

Strongbridge and its smaller sister body, the South-east Regional Housing Association, had mortgage arrears of £853,356 outstanding to the GLC and the London boroughs of Hillingdon, Kensington and Chelsea. Some of their 389 homes needed extensive and urgent repair.

The association's chairman was Harold Mote and the secretary was Geoffrey Seaton, both of whom were at the time senior members of the GLC's Conservative group.

The Housing Corporation said that once the association's finances had been sorted out an unfunded deficit of £167,729 remained. It appointed new management committees which sold off some properties at a profit, leaving an unfunded debt of about £50,000.

The Metropolitan Housing Trust has been given an increased overdraft guarantee to allow it to take over this liability and the Department of the Environment has said it will consider clearing it by payment of a grant.

The corporation said that "a vigorous repair and redecoration programme of the association's property was undertaken."

Fourth trip for Waite

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, will leave for Libya today on a fourth mission aimed at obtaining the release of the four British detainees.

Officials at Lambeth Palace pointed out last night that it is not certain that the men will be set free, despite the optimistic message relayed to London earlier this week from the Italian embassy in Tripoli.

The ambassador, Mr Alessandro Quaroni, said he had been told by foreign ministry sources in Tripoli that a decision had been taken over the men's release.

Donor warning on Aids

The Department of health yesterday launched a new drive urging homosexuals and drug abusers not to give blood because of the fear of Aids.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the health minister, has asked health authorities to ensure that a new leaflet is given to every blood donor.

Mr Clarke said: "The new leaflet is more explicit than the previous version. It stresses that donors in the risk groups must not give blood as they may unknowingly be carriers of the Aids virus.

"The leaflet also reassures donors that they cannot contract Aids or any other disease from giving blood, because all the materials used for collecting blood are sterile and are only used once.

An MP yesterday accused health and prison authorities of "clamming up" over the death from Aids of 38-year-old prison chaplain, the Rev Gregory Richards. Mr Richards who died on Thursday, 24 hours after Aids was confirmed, was chaplain to 216 young men at Chelmsford prison, Essex, and 61 teenage girls at Bulwood Hall, near Southend.

Mr Robert McGindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, is to raise the subject in Parliament next week with the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan.

Two women nurses who attended Mr Richards in hospital are to have blood tests. Dr. Tony Kirkland said yesterday: "The nurses had cuts, just tiny pin pricks. The risk of any contamination is negligible but it is just a routine precaution we are taking."

Permission needed for test tube treatment

Gaol threat to embryo doctors in Powell bill

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Test tube baby doctors will have to name their patients and ask the secretary of state's permission to treat them if Mr Enoch Powell's private member's bill, published yesterday, becomes law.

It seeks to ban research on human embryos, and anyone who fertilises an egg without permission faces a two-year gaol sentence.

Mr Powell's Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, due to be given its second reading in the Commons on February 15, goes further than expected. It was condemned by the pioneer of in vitro fertilisation, Dr Robert Eewards, yesterday as penalising infertile women.

Opponents of Mr Powell's bill believe that it will be given a second reading in the Commons, despite a substantial vote against it. The Government is allowing a free vote

But the health minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, who will vote against it, is expected to argue in favour of waiting until the comprehensive legislation which he will announce is tabled by the Government in the new session on the Warnock report.

The bill specifies that no one shall "procure the fertilisation of a human ovum in vitro (elsewhere than in the body of a woman) or have in his possession a human embryo produced by in vitro fertilisation," except with the authority of the secrtary of state.

"The secretary of state's authority shall be given expressly for the purpose of enabling a named woman to bear a child by means of embryo insertion, and not for any other purpose."

In giving permission the minister will specify the people — registered medical practitioners — under whose direction the operation is to be carried out, and where it is to be performed. Authority to perform an operation will last for four months or when the procedure for the named woman has been completed, whichever is the sooner. Doctors will be able to ask for a two-month extension.

Contravention of the regulations will be punishable by six months' imprisonment or a fine on summary conviction, and to an unlimited fine or two years' imprisonment on indictment.

The bill, which does not mention surrogate motherhood, is supported by Sir Bernard Braine (Con), Mr Donald Stewart (SDP), and Mr Alan Beith (Liberal), the Reverend Martin Smyth (Official Unionist), Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Con), Mr Ian Campbell (Lab), Sir Gerard Vaughan (the former Conservative health minister), Mr James White (Lab), and Mrs Ann Winterton (Con).

"This is contrary to the rights of people to have children," Dr Edwards said at his clinic at Bourn Hall, Cambridge, yesterday. "How many other forms of treatment are we going to have to ask premission for? It is putting up a barrier to developments which might alleviate major problems." It would force doctors to breach confidentiality, and the bureaucracy involved in repeated applications for permission would lengthen waiting lists, he warned.

"What do we do with embryos found to be abnormal after fertilisation? In my view, we should certainly not replace an embryo which might threaten the life of the mother or develop into a grossly abnormal child."

A leading article on Mr Powell's bill in yesterday's Lancet spells out the potential advantages of research for improving IVF, alleviating infertility, and preventing and treating congenital malformations. "It would be a pity," it says, if advance "was restricted by legislation passed in response to a vociferous minority."

Mr Powell declined to discuss his bill yesterday.



The Prime Minister and Mr Michael Winner after the memorial unveiling with WPc Fletcher's sisters Sarah (facing camera) and Debbie. Picture by Garry Weaser

Memorial plea by Thatcher

By Stephen Cook

THE Prime Minister yesterday unveiled a plaque in memory of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot dead in St James's Square, London, by a gunman inside the Libyan People's Bureau last April.

Mrs Thatcher, dressed in black, said: "Too often we hear that our police have been killed or wounded on duty. This has got to stop, and every single citizen has a duty to help make it stop."

The square was sealed off for the ceremony, which was attended by WPC Fletcher's family and leaders of the main political parties.

Several hundred people at office windows or standing at the barriers watched the unveiling of the stone erected at the edge of the pavement. A minute's silence was observed.

Mr Michael Winner, the film director who founded the Police Memorial Trust which put up the plaque, said there were plans for similar memorials to the six other officers killed in the past 14 months.

Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation, the representative body for all officers below the rank of superintendant, missed the ceremony. He was said to have another engagement.



Yvonne Fletcher — shot dead last April

Some policemen and women feel that the memorial trust cuts across the work of the Police Dependant's Trust which was founded with an anonymous donation of £100,000 some years ago.

WPC Fletcher's friends and colleagues at Bow Street police station, several of whom attended yesterday's ceremony, arranged last year with the trustees of St James's Square to plant a flowering cherry tree in the fenced and locked garden.

Supreme journalist gets whisky tribute

By Martin Woollacott, Foreign Editor

The funeral of James Cameron, who died last Sunday, took place yesterday at Golders Green crematorium, in north London.

It was a private gathering of family and friends who repaired afterwards, following his express instructions, to have a drink, preferably whisky, at his house.

Brief but eloquent tribute to the man who Michael Foot called the supreme journalist of our times was paid by a number of his friends at the short service, made the more moving by the music of the guitarist John Williams.

Michael Foot said Cameron wrote about our 'post Auschwitz times" better than any other journalist, partly because of his great skills as a writer but also because of his character.

Studs Terkel, the American journalist and broadcaster, and one of Cameron's closest friends recalled the time he arrive in Chicago after his trip to North Vietnam in 1964 "with the astonishing news that Ho Chi Minh and Pham van Dong were human."

Tom Baistow, Cameron's foreign editor on the News Chronicle, read a portion of his autobiography concerned with the duties of a journalist and said it should stand as a credo for all in his profession.

Mother's school plea fails

A mother who was fined for failing to send her sons to school after a dispute about caning had, her conviction upheld in the High Court yesterday.

Mrs Janice Jarman's boys, Christopher, now aged 15, and Steven, aged 16, had been placed in care after she was fined £20.

Mrs Jarman, aged 33, of Railway Terrace, Talbot Green, mid-Glamorgan, claimed she was wrongly convicted under the 1944 Education Act by a Pontypridd stipendiary magistrate of failing to ensure that her sons attended Y Pant comprehensive school, Talbot Green.

She accused the headmaster, Mr John Davies, of banning them because she refused to change her anti-corporal punishment views.

Mr Justice Taylor said that the European Court of Human Rights had ruled that parental objections to corporal punishment had to be respected. The school's disciplinary code would be legal until Parliament created an act which took the ruling into account.

The care order was discharged after five months on condition that the boys attend Porth comprehensive school, which has no corporal punishment. Both were now attending that school.



Janice Jarman — opposes caning

Mr Davies had refused to allow the children to attend Y Pant after Mrs Jarman wrote a letter saying that she objected "to any form of physical punishment being administered to my children for any reason whatsoever."

Lord Justice May said the magistrate found that Mrs Jarman refused to accept an offer of places for her sons at a school where there was no corporal punishment.

Mrs Jarman said after the ruling that her lawyers would prepare an appeal to the European Commission on Human Rights.

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4.1 No person may hold, either solely or jointly with any other person, less than £2,000 or more than £50,000 of Bonds. Bonds inherited from a deceased holder will not count towards this permitted maximum. Furthermore, Bonds held by a person as trustee will not count towards the maximum which he is permitted to hold in his personal capacity; nor will Bonds held in trust count towards the permitted maximum of a beneficiary's personal holding.

4.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time, upon giving notice. No such variation will prejudice any right under the prospectus enjoyed by a Bondholder immediately before the variation in respect of a Bond then held by him.

INTEREST

5.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase at a rate determined by the Treasury ("the Treasury rate").

5.2 Interest will be payable on the 5th day of each month. The Director of Savings may defer payments of accrued interest otherwise due in respect of a Bond within the period of six weeks following the date of purchase until the next interest date following the end of that period.

5.3 If on repayment the Bond has, by reason of paragraph 6.1, earned less interest than the total already paid in respect of the Bond under paragraph 5.2 the balance will be deducted from the sum to be repaid. Any interest earned on the Bond and not already paid before repayment will be added to the sum to be repaid if, in the case of repayment under paragraph 6.2, it is not reasonably practicable to stop an interest payment from being made after the repayment date, the amount of that interest payment will be deducted from the sum to be repaid.

5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice.

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable, upon giving notice, and in so doing may specify holding limits above or below which any variation will apply. No variation will apply to a Bond issued before the variation unless the Bondholder agrees to such application.

5.6 Interest on a Bond registered in the sole name of a minor under seven years of age will normally be paid into a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of income Tax, but it is subject to income Tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may obtain repayment of a Bond at par before redemption upon giving 3 calendar months' notice. The Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date where repayment falls on or after the first anniversary of purchase. Where the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of purchase the Bond will earn interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date.

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made after the death of the sole or sole surviving registered holder no fixed period of notice is required and the Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment occurs before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accompanied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond; the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

7. Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post.

MINORS

8. A Bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, will not be repayable, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

TRANSFER

9. Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond will only be allowed in an amount of £1,000 or multiple of that sum and will not be allowed if the holding of the transferor or transferee would thereby be outside the holding limits imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent in the case of, for example, devolution of Bonds on the death of a holder but not to any proposed transfer which is by way of sale or for any consideration.

NOTICE

10. The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 11 of the prospectus in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any other manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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11. Each Bond may be held for a guaranteed initial period of 10 years from the first interest date after the date of purchase. Thereafter, interest will continue to be payable under the terms of the prospectus until the redemption of the Bond. The Bond will be redeemed at par either at the end of the guaranteed initial period or on any interest date thereafter, in either case upon the giving of six months' notice by the Treasury. The Director of Savings will write to the Bondholder before redemption, at the last recorded address for his Bondholding, informing him of the date of the redemption notified by the Treasury.

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Legal threat against Cabinet strengthened hand of rebels

Stansted gag on ministers

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Cabinet ministers were complaining yesterday that they were on "a hiding to nothing" on the Stansted report because they risked legal action if they entered the debate.

One senior Cabinet source said that the ministers were told that they must not express a view because they had a quasi-judicial responsibility for the final decision on the recommendation that the third London airport should be developed at Stansted, Essex.

If they had ignored this advice, they could be challenged in the courts for pre-empting their own decision.

Their inability to defend the proposals was partly used yesterday to excuse the Government's embarrassment on Wednesday when 71 Tory MPs registered their opposition to the Stansted proposals. The vote almost certainly ensured that the Stansted expansion will not go ahead.

The final decision will rest with Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, and Mr Ian Gow, the Housing Minister. Mr Gow has taken over responsibility for the planning aspects of the scheme from the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, because Mr Jenkin lives in the Stansted area.

Ministers were complaining that they were forced to publish the inspector's report on Stansted, recommending the go-ahead for its expansion, because it was part of the prospectus for the flotation of British Airways which now seems certain to be delayed by several months because of the row.

This week's vote also puts into question the Civil Aviation Bill which limits expansion at Heathrow and which has been delayed until after the Commons debate.

One of the scheme's Tory opponents, Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch, said that the emphatic vote by Tory MPs should bring home to the government the stupidity of trying to foist the Stansted proposals on the Commons.

Mr Adley, vice chairman of the Tory backbench transport committee, told a meeting in his constituency last night:

"It is time for our leading politicians to recognise two facts — that selecting sites for airport development is a national political and economic, not just a planning, decision; and it is for the elected House of Commons, not for the appointed and opinionated British Airports Authority to decide on what is perhaps the single most important planning decision of the decade."



Mrs Jacqueline Onassis (left) and Mrs Jean Smith, sister of the late President Kennedy, in the Welsh churchyard



Senator Edward Kennedy — paid tribute

Kennedys in mourning

By Tony Heath

SENATOR Edward Kennedy and Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis were among mourners yesterday at the funeral of Lord Harlech, the former diplomat, politician and television tycoon.

He had chosen to be buried in a windswept Gwynedd churchyard overlooking Cardigan Bay, a few miles from Glyn, his family home.

The former Tory MP for Oswestry, chairman of Harlech Television and British ambassador in Washington from 1961-65, died, aged 66, in a car crash in Shropshire

More than 200 people were at the funeral service at the church of Llanfihangel-y-traethau (St Michael in the Estuary).

Mr Roy Jenkins, MP for Hillhead and former leader of the Social Democratic Party, was among them. Lord Gowrie, the arts minister, read from Freya Stark's Beyond Euphrates.

Gaol for raider shot by police

By a Correspondent

An unarmed robber who was shot by detectives during a post office raid was gaoled for eight years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Alfred Ficken, aged 43, almost died after being shot in the stomach, while his accomplice, Danny Carey, aged 25, was shot in the spine and is paralysed. No proceedings are being taken against him because of his condition.

Carey was also unarmed, and both men are taking action against the police for the injuries they received.

Ficken, of Murray Square, Canning Town, London pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob a sub-post office in Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham, last June.

Judge John Owen, QC, told Ficken: "It is quite clear that this was a professional crime, and you expected you would make a good haul. I accept you were not armed, but you had masks and those masks were to be used.

"Had you not been intercepted there would have been no physical harm to the woman victim, but what emotional harm may have been caused no one can say. It would have been a terrifying experience."

Mr Anthony Kenny, prosecuting told the court that police suspected that the premises were going to be robbed. Four armed officers inside expected the raiders to burst in to rob the counter clerk, Mrs Margery Simmonds. But the robbers broke in through a rear window at night, and hid in the toilet waiting for the staff to arrive.

When they emerged they came face to face with two armed officers, Detective Sergeants Fry and May. Shots were fired, and both robbers were badly wounded.

"There is some dispute whether it was necessary for the police to use that degree of force," Mr Kenny said. An inquiry was being held

Ficken, the court was told, had convictions for burglary and possessing explosives for safe-blowing.

Mr Robin Simpson, defending, asked the judge to pass a suspended sentence because no proceedings had been taken against Carey. Neither man had possessed a weapon.

After the hearing, Mrs Louise Whenlock, aged 67, Ficken's mother, said: "It is a dreadful sentence, after almost losing his life through being shot by the police.

He is not a violent man, and has never harmed anybody in his life. He was completely unarmed."

Karpov's match exiled to a suburb

By Leonard Barden

THE MARATHON chess struggle between world champion Anatoly Karpov and challenger Gary Kasparov has been sent into exile from Moscow's Hall of Columns to a suburb of the city.

The match, which has had a record number of draws in a world championship, began in mid-September. Officials of the prestigious Hall of Columns finally lost patience and Monday's 48th game has been switched to the suburban Sports Hotel.

Vigorous protests from world champion Karpov and international chess federation president, Campamanes, were overruled.

A spokeswoman for the Hall of Columns said: "We are fed up with the chess players and their programme disturbing event and they won't play here any more."

The hall, run by the Soviet Trade Union Organisation, is used mainly for concerts and important meetings.

The match was originally booked at a £7,000-a-day rate until November 21, and then extended until the end of the year at an even higher cost to the USSR Chess Federation.

Relations between chess and hall officials deteriorated in December when the match caused re-scheduling of new year concerts for children. A planned move to the Sports Hotel early last month was halted when the two players threatened to boycott future Moscow tournaments.

Ridley faces new GLC clash over challenge to lorry ban

By Geoff Andrews, Transport Correspondent

Another legal battle between the Transport Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, and the Greater London Council seems unavoidable after the minister's decision yesterday to order the council to seek his consent for the lorry ban it plans to start this summer.

Mr Ridley announced that he was issuing a directive, requiring the council to obtain his consent before it prevents lorries over 16.5 tons operating at nights and at weekends on most roads throughout Greater London.

If the council did apply for consent, Mr Ridley added, he would order a public inquiry so that "the many issues it raises and the many objections can be publicly and impartially weighed."

The directive had been expected since Mr Ridley intervened at the end of last year, and the GLC is seeking legal advice. A decision to go ahead with legal action on the basis that Mr Ridley is exceeding his powers will be made at a meeting of the GLC transport committee on Wednesday.

Mr Dave Wetzel, chairman of the GLC transport committee, said that the directive was outside Mr Ridley's powers. "It looks very much like yet another political own goal

"London's Tory MPs will be very hard pressed to explain to their constituents why he is taking this action when we have spent three years consulting and investigating to come up with a very reasonable lorry restriction."

The subject had been thoroughly debated with all sides, and the scheme had been amended to take note of the need of the transport industry with 200 miles of roads free from the ban, cheap "hush kits" and an exemption system for vital deliveries.

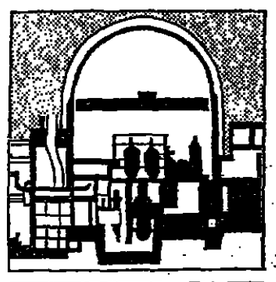
● Five Conservative authorities have joined forces with the GLC to challenge a new method of deciding railway line closures.

Buckinghamshire County Council and the borough councils of Brent, Hillingdon, Ealing and Harrow, are demanding the right of cross examination in an inquiry into British Rail's plans to close Marylebone station and divert its commuter lines into Paddington.

The newly-formed London Regional Passengers Committee has proposed the new inquiry methods, which would cut out cross-examination. This has angered the authorities, many of whose commuters use the threatened line, and they have taken legal advice with a view to a High Court action

If successful, the closure application would lead to early moves by the National Bus Company to buy the station, valued by British Rail at £2 million, and the line to Northolt to turn them into an express coach station and a busway.

US reactor would put jobs at risk warns Scottish board



SIZEWELL INQUIRY

By David Fairhall

Building an American-style pressurised water (PWR) nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast would be a "death sentence" for Britain's own gas-cooled (AGR) reactor technology, the South of Scotland Electricity Board told the Sizewell public inquiry this week.

The Government's talk of "establishing the PWR option" was misleading. One door would be opened, another firmly closed. Building even one American designed station in Britain would "inevitably have the effect of ending the AGR system there and then."

For some months now, the Scottish generating board has been sniping at the CEGB's controversial £1.2 billion project.

The Central Generating Electricity Board has promised that its technical support for the AGR design would be maintained at least until 1990.

But this is evidently no longer enough for the SSEB. This week it came into the open as an outright opponent of the American "option" policy.

Counsel for the Scottish board, Mr Bruce Weir, QC, said it was not feasible to compromise by putting Britain's ability to construct further AGRs on a "care and maintenance" basis.

"The switch to PWR inevitably means the dismantling, or at the very least, the running down of resources connected with the AGR capability," he said.

"It will mean ceasing to sustain, in any positive sense, British technology and industry and the employment which they give — the supporting of which makes good economic sense — in favour of foreign technology, foreign contractors and foreign manufacturers."

The Scottish board had faith in the AGR system as operating at Hunterston and Hinckley, Mr Weir said. It stood comparison in terms of economics and performance with any system in the world.

This was the last week of public hearing before the CEGB begins its final submissions.

It began with an assertion from Mr Graham Searle, for the Stop Sizewell B Association, that the medical authorities had greatly under-estimated the effects of low-level nuclear radiation and in particular the possible significance of recent leukaemia cases near the existing Sizewell A station.

The inquiry resumes on Tuesday.

Gaoled for drugs plot

A South African who escaped to France after a plot was uncovered to import drugs worth millions of pounds through a remote West Wales beach was sentenced to 2½ years yesterday at Swansea crown court.

David Friis, aged 29, of no fixed address, admitted conspiring to import controlled drugs.

The scheme, involved the building of an underground cavern on a beach near Fishguard known as Seal Bay where tons of cannabis landed from a ship, were to be stored.

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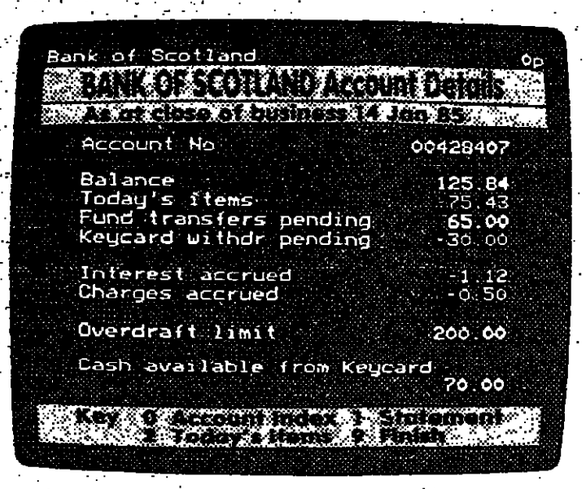
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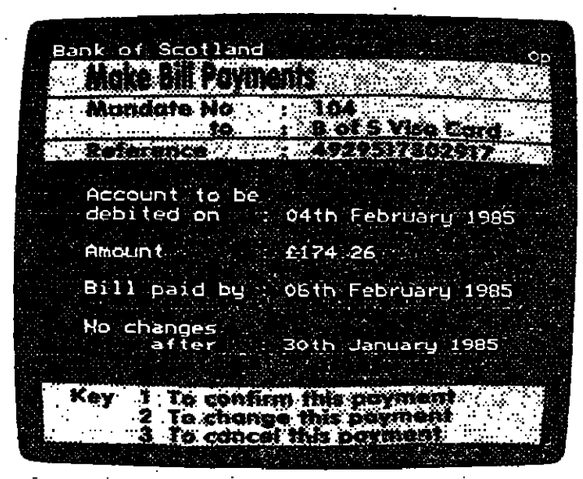
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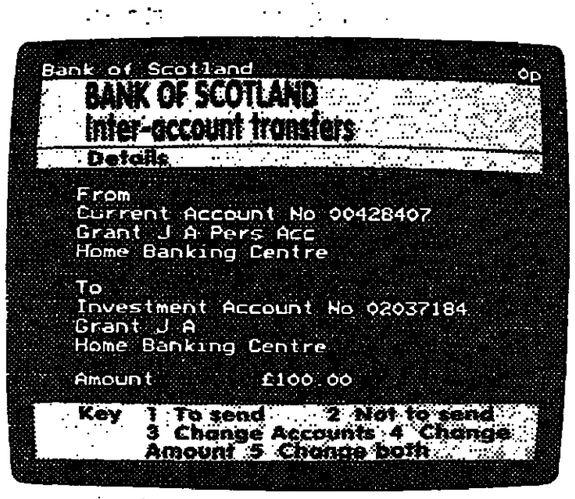
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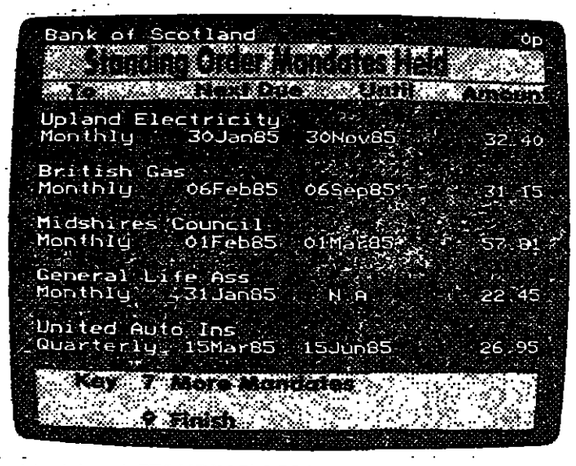
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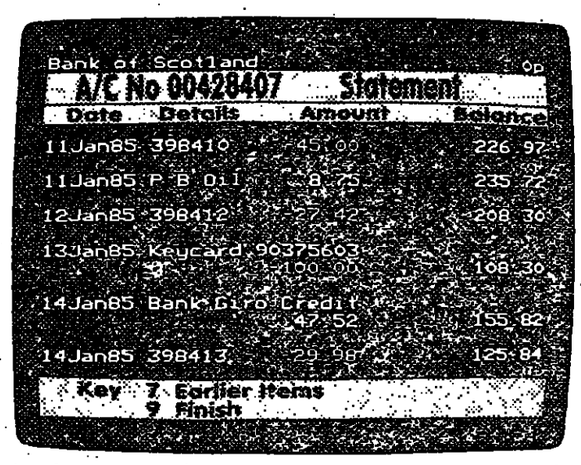
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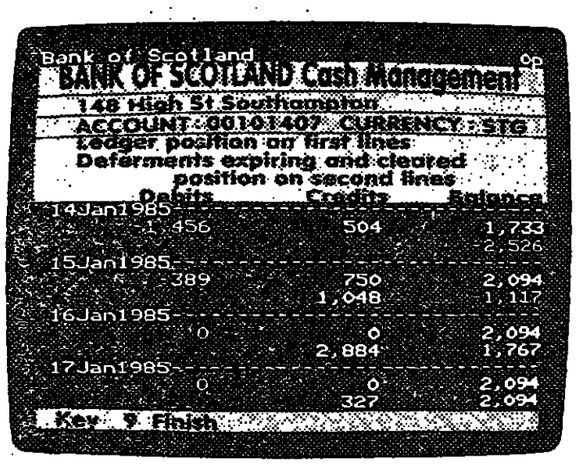
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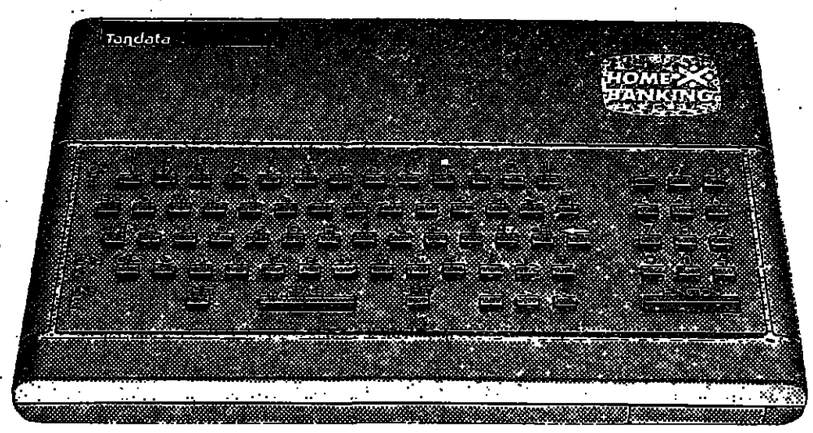


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Reagan envisages continued high deficit

Defence funding up, social costs cut in budget proposals

From Alex Brummer in Washington

President Reagan yesterday was preparing to send Congress a contentious 1986 budget, which ignores disquiet within his own Republican Party and proposes sharp new increases on defence spending to be offset by deep cuts in domestic commitments.

Under the President's plan, which will be formally delivered to Congress on Monday, spending by the military would rise by 11.2 per cent after inflation to $277.5 billion. Unless Congress takes firm action to tame the Defence Secretary, Mr Weinburger, defence spending will represent an unprecedented 35 per cent of the total budget by 1990, according to figures which emerged yesterday.

Despite the deep cuts which are being proposed in such areas as education, agriculture, and subsidised housing for the poor, the budget deficit will narrow only marginally in 1986 to $178 billion, and Mr Reagan will fall far short of achieving his goa of halving the scale of government borrowing within three years.

Without independent congressional atcion, this will mean more years of higher US interest rates pulling foreign savings into the American economy and supporting the strong dollar.

While the US economy has begun the new year on a strong note, there was some evidence yesterday of a weakening. Unemployment, which has fallen sharply over the past two years rose for the second month in a row to 7.4 per cent of the workforce, with some 300,000 more people joining the dole queues.

There are still fears among some economists that, unless dramatic action is taken to bring down the deficits, higher interest rates later this year will force the US into recession.

The White House, seeking to convey to the financial markets and Congress President Reagan's determination to tackle the deficits, yesterday took the unusual step of confirming press peaks of budget numbers.

The press spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, told correspondents that, despite rising Pentagon spending the new budget document would call for overall expenditure of $937.7 billion or a rise of 1.5 per cent. This, Administration officials claim, will be the smallest increase in the growth of government spending for two decades.

The Administration has been able to achieve this by proposing slashing cuts in a host of domestic projects, many of which impinge on the poorest in the United States. The President's budget proposes a slight reduction in the cost, for instance, of medical aid for the elderly, which has been rising at between 13 to 15 per cent a year, and has in the past been considered a sacred cow which cannot be touched when trimming government spending.

Among the biggest victims of the Administration's cuts will be the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where spending will be savaged by 47 per cent, falling to $15.4 billion in 1986 from $28.9 this year. This means that all subsidised housing and community development grants would be reduced sharply, and money being used to rebuild America's declining and crime-ridden inner cities would also vanish over a number of years.

The hard-pressed agricultural industry will not be spared either, with subsidies and prices supports falling by some 15 per cent at a time when the economy of the farm belt is in a precarious condition, with farms and the banks which service their needs filing for bankruptcy in rising numbers.

Despite Mr Reagan's continued public talk of the need for improved standards of education, funds for the department will be reduced by 3 per cent, with student loans expected to suffer.

The key battleground on Capitol Hill is already shaping up on the defence budget. Despite claims from the Administration that its growth is being carefully controlled, it continues to consume an increasing amount of the total budget. It appears highly unlikely that Congress will contemplate the draconian cuts being asked for on the domestic front to support an even bigger military build-up in the years ahead.

Mr Weinberger, who still enjoys the President's support on military spending, is effectively at war with Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, who have been demanding greater restraint.

Senator Mark Hatfield, the new chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has called the Defence Secretary a "draft dodger in the war on the federal deficit," and is vowing to press for a military spending freeze.

But the 1986 budget makes no concessions to this mood. It includes a request for spending of $246.3 billion this year, rising to $418.3 billion by 1988, when it will be approaching the size of the total wealth of the British economy. Mr Weinberger maintains that a continued build-up is necessary to keep the Russians at the Geneva bargaining table.

E. Europe flights to face Nato ban

OSLO: Norway will close two airfields vital for Nato air defences to eastern European charter flights from next January because of spying, the Norwegian government said yesterday.

Severe restrictions will also be introduced at four other international airfields, after the discovery that the charter flights, mostly from Bulgaria and Romania, were used for military spying.

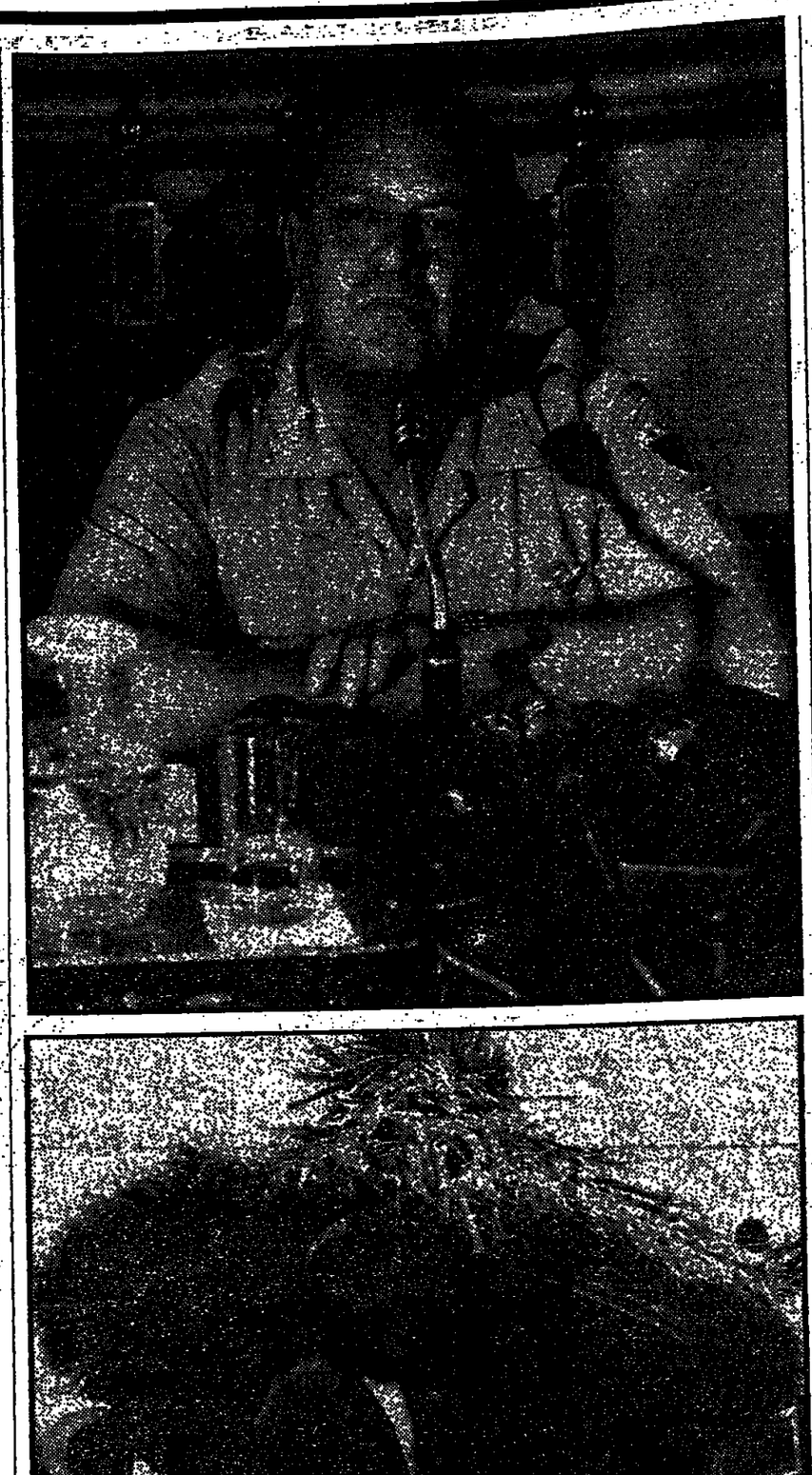
The Norwegian government issued a statement saying that restrictions would apply to "certain airlines," but did not name them. The Bulgarian charter firm, Balkan Airlines, and the Romanian company Tarom, which fly to the airfields, will be affected.

The State Secretary, Mr Nils Morten Udgaard, said that Norway had proof that planes from eastern European countries were using electronic equipment to spy on sensitive military installations in northern Norway.

A defence ministry spokesman said that the decision to discriminate against certain charter firms had been taken in accordance with international aviation agreements. The two airports to be closed to eastern European firms are Bodoe, a Nato air base, and Evenes, in northern Norway.

Nato has several secret air bases in Norway. Some are used by surveillance aircraft monitoring the Soviet Union, others are kept for the Western allies' use in times of crisis.

● The French news weekly L'Express yesterday identified Vladislav Nichkov, a 37-year-old First Secretary at the Soviet embassy in Paris, as head of Soviet spy activities in France. The embassy said the report was false.



Prsident Mejia Victores of Guatemala (top), whose foreign minister yesterday invited Amnesty International to visit the country and investigate human rights. A civil defence patrol (above) meanwhile mans a checkpoint on a key road

NEWS IN BRIEF

Austrian Cabinet survives

AUSTRIA's ruling coalition yesterday defeated an opposition no-confidence motion against the Defence Minister, Mr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, by 98 votes to 80. The motion had threatened to split the Government.

The minister provoked a domestic and international outcry last week by personally welcoming home the convicted Nazi war criminal, Walter Reder, who was granted early release by Italy after nearly 40 years in gaol. — Reuter.

Chief suspended

THE Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Mugabe, told Parliament yesterday that his police chief, Commissioner Wiriozayi Nguruve, has been suspended from his post while a four-man team investigates allegations of "misconduct." The nature of the allegations or who had levelled them was not disclosed. — AP.

Greenland quits

GREENLAND yesterday left the EEC to become the first country to quit the bloc since the founding Treaty of Rome came into operation in January 1958. The departure, originally set for January 1, was held up by a dispute over access to dwindling stocks of fish. — Reuter.

Film-maker held

THE Philippines' leading film-maker, Lino Brocka, has been gaoled in Manila for "suspected sedition." He was arrested after attending a meeting as one of the independent negotiators between the Government and striking transport workers.

Singer arrested

US police have arrested Harry Belafonte for demonstrating outside the South African embassy in Washington. The demonstration was held to protest against Pretoria's race segregation policies.—Reuter.

No more Times

SRI Lanka yesterday closed the nationalised Times of Ceylon newspaper group which was losing money. Among the papers to go was the Sunday Times, once the country's most popular weekly. — Reuter.

Papal plea

THE Pope yesterday told Ecuadoreans in the sprawling shatny town of Guayaquil that he shared their suffering. He also urged leaders to show more solidarity with the needy. — Reuter.

US denied

TAIWAN will not extradite two men wanted by the US, officials said yesterday. The men are wanted in connection with the murder of a Chinese-American writer in California last year.—Reuter.

Arctic rescue

ROYAL Marines yesterday braved an arctic blizzard to rescue a Norwegian couple and their nine-month-old baby, who was dying. The marines were called in because local police had no suitable vehicles.

Asylum sought

AN East German sailor yesterday defected to West Germany after his ice breaker docked in Gorleben port. The man has not been named.—Reuter.

US accuses Russians of 20 arms agreement violations

From Michael White in Washington

President Reagan yesterday intensified United States pressures on the Soviet Union in advance of the Geneva arms control talks by sending to congress a new report alleging upto 20 Russian violations of existing arms agreements.

Most conspicuous is US confirmation of last year's tentative allegation in the report of the Arms Control and disarmament Agency that the Russians have breached "unmistakable language" in the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty in beginning to constuct a huge new radar installation at Krasnoyarsk.

The location of the "phased array" radar is deemed significant because the ABM treaty forbade such developments except close to national borders, on the grounds that inland facilities could be only for missile defence.

The new report, which was sent to Congress by the President and published here late yesterday, was given an airing earlier by the director of the ACDA, Mr Kenneth Adelman, who called alleged Russian violations "a dark shadow" over the prospect for agreement in Geneva.

Although the Russians make reciprocal charges, most notably at present about the Star Wars defensive research plan — the object of attack yesterday by Mr Chernenko himself — the US is insistent that the other side has symstematically breached ABM and Salt II agreements.

The 1984 Adelman report, expressly required by Congress, expands on one seht in January, 1983, which made seven charges against Russia, including three significant violations of Salt II which the US claims to honour even though it never ratified the treaty.

In the new report, the Russians are accused of producing Backfire bombers in excess of the Salt II deal. But the fresh charges also touch on the alleged use of chemical and toxic weapons, the testing of a second land-based intercontinental missile, and the deployment of mobile SS-16 ICBMs

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Mr Adelman's view, which will not displease the Pentagon, was that such violations questioned, not only the prospect for future agreement, but whether the US should continue with its own restraints.

Soviet military capacities were touched upon this week, when the Defence Secretary, Mr Weinberger, appeared to give credence to the Daily Express's account of the mysterious Soviet "missile" which landed in Finland on December 28. In evidence to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday, he spoke twice of the Russians already having shown their anti-missile prowess by "shooting down their cruise missile that somehow got away from them and was starting to work its way across Norway and Finland."

The Secretary-General of Nato, Lord Carrington, yesterday gave firm backing to US research on the "Star Wars" defence system. He denied that his insistance, in a speech at Cambridge on Thursday, that the case for the Star Wars system had yet to be proved, signaled doubts about the value of research.

No treaty at this stage could guarantee research was controlled between East and West, he said, on the BBC World at One programme. And he warned that it would be "very unwise" to allow the Soviet Union to develop a capability America did not possess.

Donald Fields adds from Helsinki: The Soviet Union last night asked Finland to hand over all the wreckage of the Soviet missile that came down in Lapland five weeks ago. The Finnish Foreign Ministry is considering the matter.

Lieutenant-Colonel Antti Mustonen, the head of information of the Finnish general staff, explained that the concentration of debris into an area scarely larger than a football ground showed that the missile had crashed, as opposed to exploding or being detonated by radio signals in mid-air.

Chernenko 'taking a holiday'

MOSCOW: President Chernenko, who has not been seen in public since December 27, is taking a winter holiday near Moscow, a foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said he was unable to comment on reports that the 73-year-old President had been seriously ill. Word that Mr Chernenko is on holiday marks a shift in the official handling of the Presidents disappearance from the public eye.

In past weeks, spokesmen had been declining comment, while Kremlin aides privately told Western officials that Mr Chernenko had cancelled his engagements through illness.

At the same time, Soviet sources with access to official information had told journalists that Mr Chernenko had been under intensive care and could even be contemplating resignation.

Western diplomats said yesterday the latest official explanation of Mr Chernenko's absence suggested that the President was expected back at work.

But diplomats recalled that officials had also said at one stage that President Andropov was on holiday during the six-month absence that led up to his death from kidney disease on February 9 last year.

The ministry spokesman declined to say when Mr Chernenko might return, but the Foreign Ministry's chief spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, was quoted as saying he had taken a month's holiday.—Reuter.

Discord sown

BONN: Communist East Europe is spending hundreds of millions of marks on a disinformation campaign to split the Western allies, the West German Interior Ministry said yesterday.

A 20-page report said that letters had been forged and documents planted in the news media in attempts to sow US-West German discord.—Reuter.

Australia to assist MX test

From Richard Yallop in Melbourne

Australia yesterday confirmed that it would help the US to monitor splashdown tests of the new MX missile in the Tasman Sea, in international waters.

A newspaper report, foreshadowing the tests appeared yesterday morning, and the Defence Minister, Mr Kim Beazley, later confirmed that refuelling and victualling facilities would be provided in Sydney for US planes monitoring two tests.

Mr Beazley said that the original commitment to assist the Americans had been made by the previous Conservative government of Mr Malcolm Fraser, and that the Labour Government would be in breach of the agreement if it reneged. The final decision to provide staging facilities was made by the Labour Government's Cabinet security committee, without the knowledge of caucus.

"It is taken in the light of a commitment to the Anzus alliance, which does not change with this government," Mr Beazley said. He said the missiles would not carry any nuclear devices or material, and that the government's involvement did not conflict with its support for a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific.

Meanwhile, the Reagan Administration says New Zealand's rejection of a US ships visit would be a grave matter that might affect American co-operation with Wellington.

"We would ... have to consider the implications for our overall cooperation with New Zealand under Anzus," the State Department said yesterday.

New Zealand bans visits by nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered vessels. Its Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, yesterday gave his formal reply to Washington's request for a visit by a US ship but would not disclose its contents.

EEC trade action ran foul of Swiss law

From Derek Brown in Brussels

A department of the EEC Commission specialising in industrial affairs and staffed by lawyers failed to take Swiss law on commercial espionage into account when they handed over sensitive papers, the European Court of Justice heard yesterday.

The papers, containing evidence of illegal price fixing by the Swiss drug firm, Hoffman-La Roche, were given to the commission by a company executive, Mr Stanley Adams. He was identified when the Commission passed back the information to the company and was later gaoled as an industrial spy.

Mr Adams, a Maltese-born Briton who now lives in Thames Ditton, Surrey, is suing the Commission for £500,000 damages, claiming that officials betrayed him and that subsequent events left his life in ruins.

The documents—which led to an investigation and a £283,366 fine on Hoffman-La Roche for illegal trading practices—were passed to the Commission in 1974. Mr Adams was arrested at the end of that year and while he was awaiting trial his first wife committed suicide after being told that he faced a 20-year sentence. Released on bail, Mr Adams set up a pig breeding business in Italy, which failed—he claims because financial backers were frightened off by the Swiss affair—and later he spent 54 days in an Italian prison on fraud charges. Meanwhile, he had been sentenced by a Swiss court to 12 months in gaol, suspended for three years.

Mr Adams's long struggle for legal redress is being vigorously contested by the EEC Commission which claims that there was no breach of confidence, and that in any event the case lies outside the five-year limit for such actions.

Yesterday the Luxembourg-based European Court heard evidence from a former head of the Commission department dealing with unfair trade matters Dr Willi Schlieder.

He told the Danish judge, Mr Ole Due, that it had never occurred to him that Mr Adams would be prosecuted and so did not regard the handing over of the papers as a breach of confidence.

Judge Due put it to him that as a Doctor of Law, with 73 lawyers in his department at the time, it was astonishing that the possibility of prosecution had not been considered.

Dr Schlieder admitted that he had seen Mr Adams in the Commission's Brussels headquarters, after he had jumped bail, in March 1975.

Mr Jean-Marie Rihoux, the commission inspector who investigated the unfair trading allegations, told the court that it had been assumed that once Stanley Adams left the Swiss company, there would be no problem about his identity being revealed.

Democrats' new leader

Washington: The Democratic Party yesterday elected a former adviser to Senator Edward Kennedy as its new leader in the drive to rebound from the 1984 reelection triumph of President Reagan.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC), the party's governing body, chose Mr Paul Kirk as chairman over the former North Carolina Governor, Terry Sanford by a vote of 203-151.

Mr Kirk, a 47-year-old lawyer, won by persuading a number of anti-Kennedy party leaders that he had cut his political ties to the senator and would remain strictly neutral in the 1988 presidential nomination contest.

Mr Kirk, who succeeds Charles Manatt for a three-and-a-half-year term, told applauding Democrats that it was time for the party to pull itself together and overcome its image as a collection of narrow interest groups.

"Today marks the end of the soul-searching, the end of the identity crisis of the Democratic Party" that followed Reagan's landslide win, he said.

"Today marks the day the Democratic Party goes back to work to reclaim its rightful and legitimate heritage as the party that speaks to the shared dreams of ... Americans," Mr Kirk said.

Meanwhile, the prospect of the retired general, Vernon Walters, succeeding Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick as US representative at the UN, now seem almost certain. — Reuter.

Study of pre-Incas

BOULDER, Colorado: A five-year study by University of Colorado archaeologists hopes to learn the secrets of a 1,400-year-old pre-Incan civilisation hidden deep in the jungle of Peru.

The university announced its contract with the Peruvian Goverament for the first scientific study of Gran Pajaten, on the eastern slopes of the Andes. The 30-acre site contains 18 well-preserved buildings, believed to date from AD 500 to 1500 and decorated with stone mosaic figures.

Mr Tom Lennon, the project's codirector first visited the area in July, 1984, with three other Boulder explorers. They found traces of a prehistoric road and pottery that indicates contact with the Expansionist Incas, yet clearly predates that civilisation, said Mr Lennon.

"There are unplundered burials of an unknown, unnamed people, located in inaccessible places," he said.

Jane Wheeler, a University anthropologist, said: "We're intrigued by the evidence of dense human habitation, because such jungle areas are apparently unoccupied in other parts of the world."

Gran Pajaten might also be the rainiest spot on earth, and researchers will try to obtain precise measurements of rainfall, Miss Wheeler said. — AP.

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Governments try to minimise damage from document thefts

French take envoy from Delhi after spy scandal

From our own Correspondent in New Delhi

France is withdrawing its ambassador, Mr Serge Boidevaix, at India's request, after the discovery of a French spy ring that stole classified documents from the Prime Minister's office and the Defence Ministry.

Both governments, however, are anxious to minimise the damage to Indo-French relations from the affair. Mr Boidevaix is not being expelled; nor is he being asked to leave, as the French deputy military attache, Lieutenant-Colonel Alain Bolley, was. The colonel is alleged to have been directly implicated. The Indians recognise that the ambassador was not, but are holding him responsible as head of mission.

The French Government said that Mr Boidevaix would be appointed assistant secretary-general at the External Affairs Ministry from June 1.

This latest episode was announced last night by the Foreign Ministry. A spokesman said that the French decision had been "conveyed to us by the French Government after a meeting in Paris between the French Foreign Minister, Mr Claude Cheysson, and the Indian ambassador, Mr Narendra Singh, on January 30."

Mr Boidevaix is understood to have been given 30 days to clear up his affairs in Delhi. A spokesman at the French Embassy said last night that the ambassador was still here. He would not say when the 58-year-old diplomat, who has been in his present post for two years, would leave.

The French still hope, however, that the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, will visit Paris in June, as planned. Both French and Indian officials emphasised that no firm date had been announced. There was no comment on either side on speculation in the Indian press that either President Mitterrand or the Prime Minister, Mr Fabius, might stop over in India on their respective visits to Indonesia and China this spring.

There is little doubt here that French chances of landing a major military contract in competition with Britain have been undermined by the spy scandal.

The contract most immediately involved is for 200 to 600 howitzers. It could be worth up to £500 million.

The head of defence sales in the Ministry of Defence, Sir James Blythe, is at present in India discussing the howitzer and other possible deals with Mr Gandhi's Government. The fact that Sir James has been received here suggests that the Indians are still interested in British equipment, despite reports that they have been marking time as a protest against Whitehall's failure to act against Sikh extremists in London.

Delhi is said to have shelved a decision to buy 27 Westland helicopters for oil exploration work, but British sources noted last night that the only serious alternative would be the French Alouette. India is already committed to buying 40 Mirage fighter-bombers from France.

So far, 14 Indians, two businessmen, and 12 civil servants have been arrested in connection with the spy ring. Seven of them, including the alleged ring-leader Coomar Narayin, intimated this week that they wished to confess, but the Delhi metropolitan magistrate, Mr Bharat Bhushan, gave them time to consider the implications of their decision.

Child's cry epitomises Bhopal's nightmare

Doctors in gas disaster area are coping with a sickness which they do not know how to cure

From Eric Silver in Bhopal

EVERY NIGHT for nearly two months, Ramsakhibai, a plump, 25-year-old mother of three, has been roused by her daughter, Guddi, screaming in her sleep: "Mummy, Mummy, wake up. Save me."

Ramsakhibai and her family live in a one-room cement house in Chhola Mandir, a slum colony about a mile from the Union Carbide pesticides plant at Bhopal. Early in December they collapsed in a field after running away from the leaking methyl isocyanate gas.

They were among the lucky ones. None of them died. After two days they were able to go back home but, like most of the Bhopal victims, they are still suffering the effects of the poisoning.

Rehabilitation of the gas victims is proving to be a long slow process. The Madhya Pradesh state government, which has concentrated so far on keeping people alive, is only now starting to measure the size of the problem.

How many died on that grim December night? Was it 1,400, as the Government maintains? Was it 2,000-plus, as most local journalists believe? Or was it as high as 10,000, as some student activist volunteers contend? How many needed treatment? was it 150,000 as the local doctors say, or 400,000 as claimed by the activists?

Up to the middle of this week, the state government said that it had distributed 12 million rupees (about £850,000) in cash to 800 bereaved families and some of the disabled. It had also doled out 8,400 metric tonnes of grain, 300 tonnes of sugar, and 200,000 litres of cooking oil. About 22,000 litres of milk are being distributed every day in 24 centres.

The authorities are holding the line, but as Ramsakhibai and countless others testify, they are not solving the long-term problem. The doctors are still coping with a sickness they do not know how to cure. There is no experience or professional literature on the effects of methyl isocyanate poisoning. The activists accuse them of treating the symptoms and not the disease, but there seems to be little alternative.

The last death attributable to the gas leak, that of a five-year-old boy with severe lung damage, was recorded two weeks ago. Few, if any patients are seeking treatment for the first time, but the hospitals and mobile clinics are still receiving thousands of outpatients every day.

Dr Narendrasingh Bhandari, the medical superintendent of Bhopal's biggest hospital, the Hamidia, said that most were suffering from respiratory problems. "Whether this will be permanent . . . we can't predict at the moment."

The news is more hopeful with the second most serious problem, damaged eyes. Dr Bhandari reported that his hospital had come across only three or four cases of clouded vision and there had not been a single case of blindness.

It was too early, however, to assess any genetic effects of the gas. So far there had been no congenital defects among babies born to mothers from the stricken areas, but the doctor ackowledged that the first three months of pregnancy was the vital time, so that any deformities would only show themselves among babies born five or six months from now.

"All the pregnant women are being followed up, and all the newborn babies will be cared for very carefully by us. We shall be checking for two years to see if there are any developmental or intelligence defects," he said. Dr S. C. Tiwari, the reader in social and preventive medicine at Bhopal's Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, estimated that about 1,000 pregnant women were affected in 17 slum colonies.

The Indian Council of Medical Research is funding 13 follow-up studies, with a staff of about 80 doctors, technicians, and field workers, who will stay in Bhopal for five years.

Activist volunteers working independently in the slums are not convinced, however, that the health and rehabilitation programmes are getting through to the people who need them. Mr Suresh Patil, a leader of a leftwing group called the Gas Disaster Struggle, said: "There is a lot of corruption involved. Also most of the programmes announced are still only on paper."

"The post mortem reports are not even being made available to the doctors. Case histories are not being properly maintained, the Government has banned doctors from making documents available," said Mr Patil.

The young volunteers are trying to set up "people's committees" in each neighbourhood. "We're insisting that the rehabilitation work be done through these committees," Mr Patil said. "The Government should take the people into its confidence. With the the committees there would be less chance of corruption and political discrimination."

He accused the ruling Congress Party of exploiting the rehabilitation programme for its parliamentary and state assembly election campaign. Other observers here are worried that the work will peter out once the state elections are over in March.

As so often in India, Bhopal's problems are vast, ill-defined, and messy. The motives of those trying to help are mixed and disputed. In the end, the key lies with Union Carbide, whose responsibility for the leak can hardly be contested. But for the time being, the American multinational has assigned the case to its lawyers and its public relations men.

The Attorney-General is in the United States exploring the prospects for an out-of-court settlement which would bring the kind of relief that only money can buy. Until he reports back, everyone is marking time — the Government, the swarms of American lawyers who descended on Bhopal after the disaster, and Union Carbide.



General Fabian Ver (fourth from left), the Philippines armed forces Chief of Staff, with two generals and 23 others who yesterday denied murder charges in the assassination of Benigno Aquino.

SA halts forced removal of blacks

From Philip van Niekerk in Johannesburg

IN THE face of growing foreign and local pressure the South African government has temporarily frozen its policy of forced removals of black communities.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen minister of cooperation and development, told a foreign correspondent briefing in Cape Town yesterday that forced removals would be suspended till the government reviews the policy.

He also said the government was reconsidering the policy of influx control which, along with forced removals, is regarded as one of the most inhumane and brutal aspects of the apartheid policy.

Academics have estimated that 3.5 million people have been forcibly moved by the government since 1960, though government sources put the figure lower.

Up to a million people earmarked for removal in the future on apartheid ideological grounds could be affected by yesterday's reprieve. But a qualification — that the removals would continue if the leaders of the communities agreed — has cast some doubt on the announcement.

Communities likely to be affected by the announcement include about 25-30 "black spots" in "white" rural areas due for removal to the homelands.

In Cape Town the entire black population faces removal to a barren new township, Khayelitsha, 24 miles from the city.

●President P. W. Botha's conditional offer to free Mr Nelson Mandela, imprisoned leader of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), was dismissed yesterday as irrelevant by the Mandela family's lawyer.

Speaking on behalf of Mr Mandela's wife Winnie, the lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob said: "P. W. Botha has missed the whole point. Mandela has never asked for his release, and he isn't asking for it now."

China tries to end confusion on Marx

By John Gittings

In a fresh attempt to clarify Chinese thinking on Marx, the official Communist Party theoretical journal has said that Marxism is a science, not a religion, and does not provide any magic remedies. It has also bracketed it together with the thoughts of Mao Tsetung, saying they were not all correct and should be "developed with the times."

The party journal, Red Flag, which until now has kept out of the argument started in the People's Daily, seeks to strike a middle line between unquestioning acceptance of Marxist or Maoist dogma, and a too-negative view.

It calls for more reading on Marxist economic theory, but argues that Marx deliberately refused to offer a clear-cut plan for the future socialist society. It would be wrong to deduce from his brief remarks on how society should develop after revolution that what the Chinese Central Committee is doing now is not Marxism, the journal says.

Mao is still recommended for his insistence — at least until his final years — on "combining theory with practice." But the article strongly condemns the slogan with which Mao justified the upheaval of the Cultural Revolution — "There can be no construction without destruction."

As in People's Daily articles in December last year, the Red Flag analysis must be seen as the external reflection of a debate in the party's leading ranks.

Another article in the latest issue of Red Flag, by Premier Zhao Ziyang, discusses the controversial changes in farm product prices which were introduced at the beginning of this year. Mr Zhao says that, as a first step to reduce state subsidies and encourage production, state control over the prices of pork, vegetables and other perishables will be "loosened" and those of cotton and grain will be "relaxed".

The Chinese public has shown signs of great anxiety about the possibility of higher living costs.

De Cuellar calls halt to Kampuchea talks

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

The UN Secretary-General Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, concluded yesterday that the results of his visits to Thailand and Vietnam to promote talks on a Kampuchean settlement did not merit an early return to the region.

Mr de Cuellar repeated his earlier claim to have made "modest progress" and having obtained "important" clarifications from Hanoi of its position on the question of negotiations.

He declined to go into details, however, and conceded: "I don't see much ground for my going back to Hanoi at this stage. I hope that in the near future I find reasons for going back to continue my efforts."

The Secretary-General expressed surprise on hearing that the Thai government, after examining the clarifications he had conveyed from Hanoi, concluded that "there was nothing new of substance that would lead to progress in solving the Kampuchean problem."

A Thai foreign ministry spokesman commented: "Vietnam is still insisting that the Heng Samrin regime (in Phnom Penh) be under its domination, which is unacceptable to Thailand and Asean as a whole."

UN delegation sources were reported to have said that Vietnam had offered to withdraw its estimated 160,000 troops simultaneously with the "elimination" of the Khmer Rouge in Kampuchea.

Mr de Cuellar appealed to all sides in the conflict "to stop the confrontation, stop talking, and make peace" and he pledged to maintain his personal involvement in working for a settlement.

His comments at a press conference before leaving for Malaysia and Indonesia coincided with fresh reports of fierce fighting between Vietnamese troops and Khmer Rouge resistance guerrillas which sent some 8,000 Kampuchean civilians fleeing to the Thai-Kampuchean border.

Some 29 Khmers have been killed and 80 to 100 wounded during battles round Khmer Rouge camps south and south-east of the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet over the past three days.

Vietnam has been moving in elements of four divisions for an assault on the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Phnom Malai and surrounding camps.

Small groups of Vietnamese troops have crossed the Thai border in recent days to scout Khmer Rouge positions. Thai military sources reported.

Reuter adds: Vietnam has assembled its biggest force ever in western Battambangh province, equal to about four divisions of infantry, tanks, artillery and support units, according to the Thai military.

Diplomats said more soldiers and fiercer daily clashes since last weekend signalled the start of the drive.

The Thai Army Secretary, Nareudol Dechpradiyuth, said the Khmer Rouge were attacking Vietnamese troops, tanks, and artillery positions and had stepped up sabbotage of roads and communications since Monday.

Rebels in aid appeal

Peshawar: An Afghan rebel commander appealed yesterday for aid to help guerrillas fight the Soviet-backed Government and avert famine. Amin Wardak said he had written to the leaders of Britain, China, Egypt, France, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and West Germany, asking for anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons and mortars, as well as large-scale food aid.—Reuter.

New post for Tutu

JOHANNESBURG: The Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, takes up a controversial post tomorrow as spiritual leader of up to a third of South Africa's Anglicans.

More than 1,800 people — but not including any members of the white minority government — are expected at a ceremony to enthrone him as the first black Bishop of Johannesburg, Church officials said yesterday.

Bishop Tutu resigned as general secretary of the South African Council of Churches to head South Africa's numerically biggest Anglican diocese. He has angered many white political leaders by continual calls for international pressure to force South Africa to scrap apartheid. — Reuter.

Car bomb outside crowded Tripoli mosque kills 12

Tripoli, Lebanon: A car bomb killed 12 people outside a crowded mosque here yesterday.

Ten of the victims were killed instantly and two others died in hospital, according to Lebanon's state radio. About 50 others were wounded.

A blue Mercedes carrying an estimated 130 pounds of TNT exploded at noon, 30 yards from the three-storey Imam Ali mosque where 75 people were at prayer.

The blast blew in a wall, wounding the preacher and a 13-year-old boy, but most casualties were among people in the road outside and they included several Christians, security sources said.

The blast followed a series of car bombs in Beirut in recent weeks, but was the first in Tripoli, the country's second biggest city, for some months.

The force of the explosion knocked down a derelict house near the mosque and hurled debris over a wide area.

As hospitals called for blood for the wounded, the Sunni Muslim fundamentalist leader, Sheikh Saeed Shaaban, whose supporters built the mosque, accused Jews and right-wing Christian Falangists of the attack.

Police said a quarter of the wounded were Christians, although from the position of the booby-trapped car it was obvious that Muslims in the mosque had been the intended target.

Mosques in predominantly Muslim Tripoli, which has a population of 500,000, are normally crowded for the noon prayers on Friday, Islam's Sabbath.

The city is the hometown of the Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, who brought Lebanon's principal warlords into a national coalition Cabinet last April in a Syrian-backed attempt to resolve the country's nine-year civil war.

In Sidon, fighting with heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades erupted yesterday when about a dozen unidemified gunmen attacked pro-Israeli militiamen.

Armoured personnel carriers of the pro-Israel South Lebanon Army militia raked suspected positions of the opposing gunmen with heavy machine-gun fire.

Casualty figures were not immediatey available from the 30-minute battle, which came as Israeli troops and their SLA allies prepare to leave the city in the first part of a three-stage withdrawal from South Lebanon.—AP/Reuter.

Iran claims upper hand in war

TEHRAN: President Ali Khamenei of Iran yesterday dismissed the significance of Iraq's latest ground offensives in the Gulf war, and said that Iran still held the upper hand on the battlefield.

He told a mass prayer meeting in Tehran that Iraq launched its attacks this week to raise the morale of its troops and to assure its supporters among Arab countries in the Gulf that it was still active.

An Iranian armed forces joint staff communique said that Iran had dealt heavy blows to Iraqi forces yesterday in a region 80 miles north-east of Baghdad, where Iraq attacked on Thursday, Iraq said it had repulsed an Iranian attack in the area.

The Iraqis said that they took strategic hilly positions in Thursday's strike, and gained ground in a three-pronged offensive in the war's southern sector on Monday. Iran denied losing ground, and said that its men inflicted heavy casualties.

Leading Iranian officials have discounted Iraq's latest attacks as little out of the ordinary.

Diplomats, however, said that they represented a marked upturn in ground activity, and that Iraq seemed to be trying to throw Iran off balance before Tehran launched its long-awaited offensive.

Iran appeared several months ago to have settled for a strategy of attacking, with limited objectives, what it perceived to be Iraqi weak points along the whole of the war front, they said. Iraq still holds some 400 square miles of Iranian territory captured in the early stages of the war. — Reuter.

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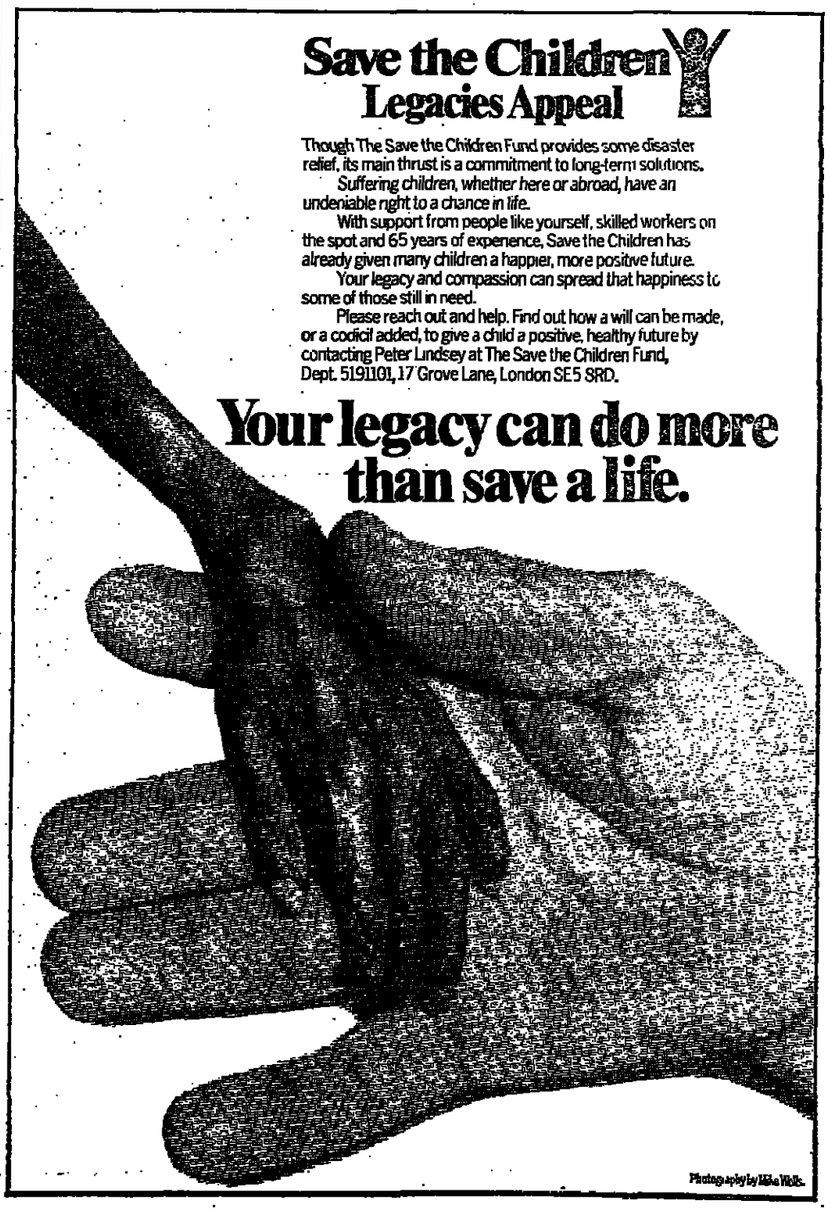
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Rafting on the Rio Grande, and right, Kingston market — pictures by Alex Hamilton

Alex Hamilton reports on the impact of the recent demonstrations on the island's tourism

A taste of rum Jamaica

TO JAMAICA, perchance to see it in flames. On the eve of my departure the international press was carrying reports of "riots", cancellations of flights, and celebrities like Boy George penned in their hotels. The American coverage was particularly alarming: "Jamaica Blazes" was a widespread headline.

Arriving on the north coast, however, I found the tourists seemingly oblivious of any danger, and engaged in reggae lessons and Wallyball on the beaches without any scent of the smoke from blazing beacons. The only clamour for television came from the universal imperative to watch the San Francisco Forty Niners clash with the Miami Dolphins in the Superbowl, and the only tragedy came then when the Dolphins' record-breaking quarterback was utterly eclipsed by his opposite number.

But in Kingston and the surrounding approach roads there had been smoke, the very smelly sort that rises from burning rubber tyres, lit in an orchestrated demonstration of protest against the hike of 25 per cent in the prices of gas and petrol, the inevitable result of a decline of 180 per cent by the Jamaican dollar over the last three years.

Almost as inevitable were the deaths, eight in all, when on the second day the original demonstrators were joined by the men from the suburban ghettoes of chronic unemployment. The police, says our High Commissioner, Martin Reid, were restrained. After 48 hours the demonstrators stood down from the barricades, perhaps in response to the words of the Opposition Leader of the JNP, Michael Manley, who said that enough was enough.

Senator Hugh Hart, who recently added the portfolio of Tourism to those of Mining and Energy, none of them a sinecure, told me he believed the protest had run its course even before Manley spoke. Such protests, he said, were natural to the Jamaican style and, to be honest, in opposition his own party would probably have adopted a similar tactic. The most serious aspect was the potential blight laid by the foreign press on Jamaican tourism, which within a week had suffered 12,000 bed-night cancellations, with more very likely.

The most immediate damage appears to be on the north-east coast from Port Antonio, an upmarket villaville where few people are to be seen on the beaches of Trident, Marbella and the millionaires' row of Blue Lagoon. Trident Villas, however, are mostly full of Warner Brothers people, there for six months to make Island Jack, and their chief problem is that their 17-acre site was designed for the deep peace of no telephones.

However, the 25-year-old Jamaican who oversees Trident Villas is bent on having a great birthday party for himself, and was thrilled with his own success when he made his entry in drag as Boy George at the carnival opening of the old castle built by a German baroness, and now to be an entertainments and arts centre. "I don't know if there was anyone who didn't scream when I make my entry," he said.

Senator Hart said he would look into the suggestion that empty beds might be the opportunity for some discounting, but the hoteliers I spoke to said they would rather endure empty beds than lower the rates. British tour operators, notably Kuoni, Silk Cut, American Express and Speedbird, stress guarantees against surcharges on the overwhelming majority of their offers, and point to the devaluation of the Jamaican dollar to $5.50 to the pound.

They are not correct however in saying prices on the island have remained static: car rental rates for example are punitive, and bus fares though still not frightening have risen this week by 25 per cent. None of the public utilities, incidentally, took any part in the protests.

In Jamaica there is always tinder that any spark may kindle. And there are always certain districts of Kingston, easy enough to establish, where it is foolish for foreigners to go. That said, my own perception of the island just now is that it is safe. Air Jamaica, caught in the toils of an unrelated labour dispute, causing delays of five hours or more on international flights with long-haul passengers arriving too tired to speak, is now running on schedule again.

In a 250-mile tour from Montego Bay, taking in Ocho Rios and rafting down the Rio Grande to Port Antonio, and Kingston itself, I was held up only twice. Not by barricades of burning tyres, of which nothing remained but black scars on the highway, but by cows, and by police doing a spot check of vehicles for *ganja* (or marijuana). They had the wheels off the lorry just ahead, so it was a time for submitting gracefully.

Jamaican smokers of ganja say they think there may be 10 per cent of Jamaicans who do not use the stuff, but they are not sure who they are. It is all the same an offence to do so, and wiser to stay with the 10 per cent. There is plenty of visible evidence of the drive to reduce consumption.

In fact, two examples of this are spectacular enough to be developed as tourist attractions. The first, seen from Morgan's Harbour and Port Royal, looks much like a pretty marina for craft of every shape and size, but is actually an exclusive pound for the prey of the coastguard, mainly caught in the traffic between Jamaica and Colombia.

The other is a selection of wrecked light aircraft distributed at random in fields near Duncan. There is a long stretch of straight road there on the north coast which has been used as a landing strip, with accomplices flagging down traffic at either end while the ganja was offloaded. But poles have been set in the verges to catch their wings. So they turned to makeshift strips on grass: the accomplices, now with torches, are not always clear about the yardage a plane needs to stop in, and often guide them to a sticky (indeed syrupy) end in the canefields.

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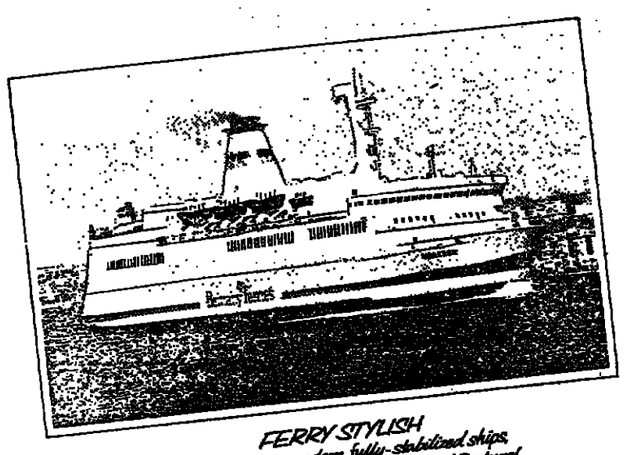
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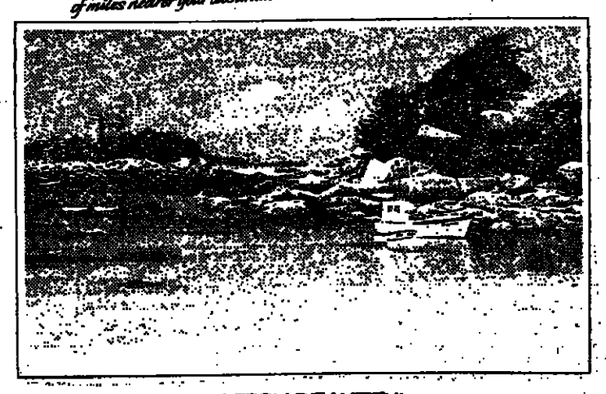


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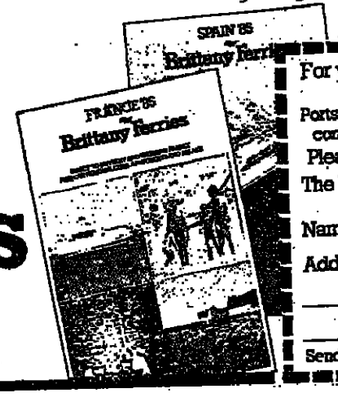
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Carol Wright reports on villa rentals in Provence

Dallas in Cannes

ROBERT DALLAS is an ex-London stock exchange jobber, who has become an architect in the South of France. His houses reflect traditional Provencal styles with russet roofing tiles, old stone walls, patios, red-tiled rooms with recessed fireplaces, and bathrooms coated with tiles that curve round corners and over edges. He claims he is stretching the outdoor living season by creating an outdoor room, roofed but open-sided, with barbecue, gas flambeaux and infra-red heaters for evenings outside in April and October, when rentals are lower. His pools have a bubble plastic sheeting cover, which heats the water with reflected sun rays.

Few can afford a Dallas house. Round Cannes it will cost about £200,000 for a two-bedroom house with pool. But a number of Britons do have properties in and around Cannes which can be rented through UK companies. Cannes is a good central area for villa and apartment renting, reached on 80 minute flights from London to Nice and autoroute connections to central Cannes.

Just for the weekend or short-stay break, the Martinez on the Central Croisette is a good year-round hotel base. Several million francs have recently been spent on restoring the 1930's hotel with art deco schemes, but modern touches include air conditioning, sound proofing, winter heating, fridge bar, direct dial phones and Italian marble bathrooms. Across the Croisette, is the hotel's own small beach and opened this year on the terrace is a heated pool surrounded by palm trees.

Air France feature the Martinez for £257 for three nights, bed and breakfast, with transfer from Nice airport or self-drive car at weekends. The same programme has mobile homes in Sanary, seven nights from £160 per person for four people sharing a six-berth caravan, and also self-catering apartments in Cannes from £191 per person for a two-bedroomed apartment.

One can shop at the excellent covered Forville market below the old town, to which farmers bring fresh produce and flowers, and little old ladies sell local honey and packets of pungent herbs. Along the nearby pedestrian Rue Meynadier are many specialist food shops.

There are good fish restaurants around the hems of the old town, which rises to a top fortified in the 11th century against the Saracens. Below is the old yacht harbour, with ferries to the Lerins islands. An indulgent place for lunch, or tea with fine patisserie, is Le Bistingo, on the terrace of the new festival palace, looking across the yacht-mast forest to the old town.

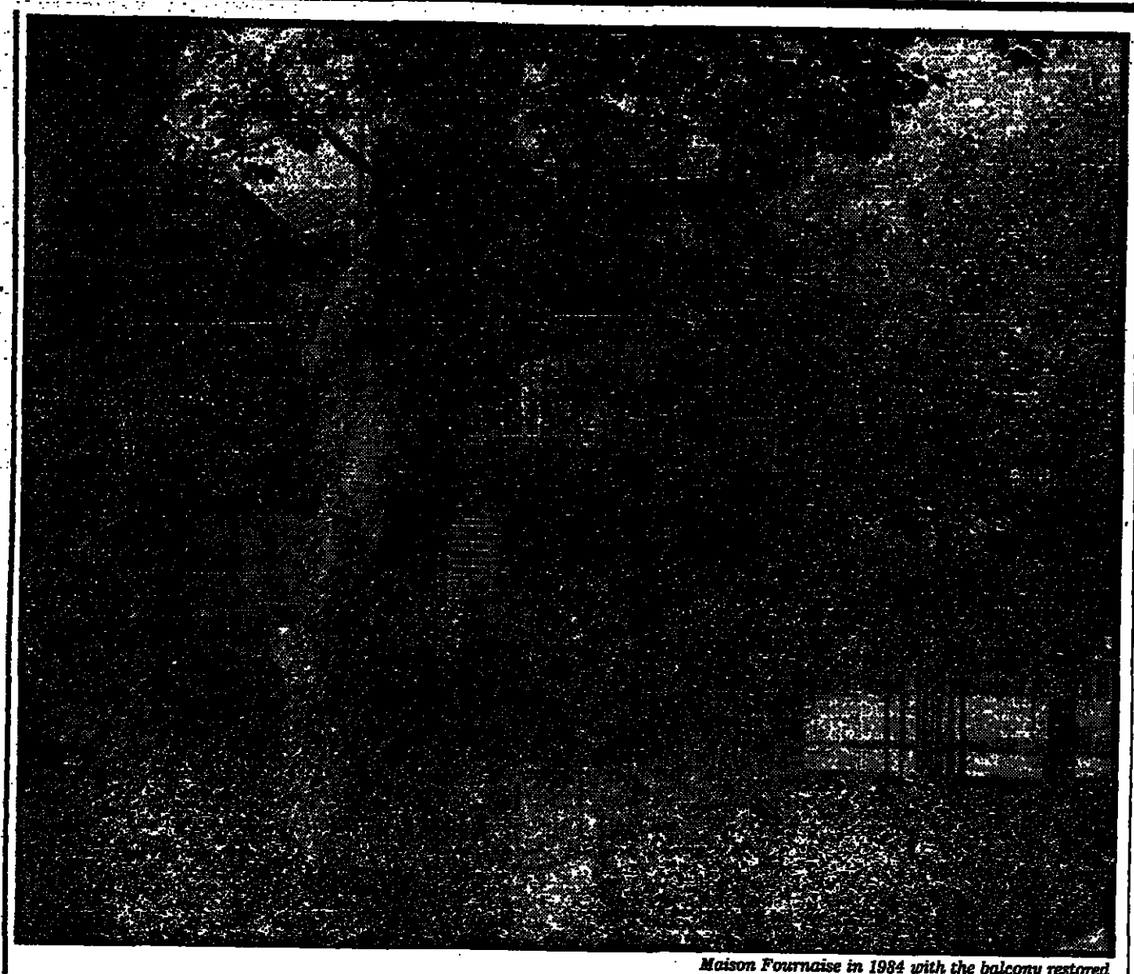
One can still eat reasonably in the hill areas to the back of Cannes, and lunch at the Colomb d'or at St Paul de Vence, is worth the expense. But good fixed price menus of 86 (with wine) at smaller establishments exist, and buying food from supermarkets, like the rather chaotic Le Clerc at Vence (good parking and everything under one roof), is easy for self-caterers. Scotch will cost about £5 a bottle here and local wine is 50p.

House rentals in the hills behind Cannes are expensive for couples. It is best to make up a group of 10 sharing a larger house or old farmhouse with its own pool and gardens in the stunning Loup valley area and enjoy local foods in a peace far removed from the frenetic Corniche area 20 miles away.

The Loup valley is a dramatic gorge cut by a boulder-strewn river tumbling down from the mountains. Picnic spots by its banks are delightful, up the road north from Pont du Loup, overhung with waterfalls and crag-topping villages like Gourdon, which has great vistas of the coast from its small restaurant. The gorge turns east towards the sea and there are villas along its north side and around Bar St Loup and Tourettes, a village of craft shops hung out on rocks over the gorge on the road to Vence. Villas among dense trees and scrub look out on the unpeopled south side of the gorge; wild boar is still hunted among the thickets. The old road from Grasse links many villas, and above this is the disused railway line along the coast (blown up by the Resistance in World War II, it now makes a peaceful path to stroll beneath tall trees).

Villas with Dallas designs are terraced with pools and slim gardens for maximum sunning. Costs are around £1,500 a week for six from CV Travel, a London company which has about 40 properties in the area and a local English agent. Rentals are cheapest in April, May, June, September and October. Apartments for four people are from £350 a week.

Further information: Air France and Air France Holidays Programme, 158 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0AY (01-568 6981). The Martinez Hotel can be booked through Leading Hotels of the World, 15 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6AU. CV Travel for villa rental brochures: 43 Cheval Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7. (01-584 8803).



Maison Fournaise in 1984 with the balcony restored

Elizabeth Lee applauds the restoration of the Maison Fournaise near Paris, former cafe haunt of the great French Impressionists

Girls, girls and a furniture cart

IN THE SUMMER of 1881, Renoir painted the last of his Parisian pictures *Le Dejeuner des Canotiers* on the balcony of the Restaurant Fournaise on the island of Chatou. The painting is now in the Phillips Memorial Gallery in Washington. Among the guests shown dining chez Fournaise are Renoir's friends, the artist Gustave Caillebotte and the Baron Barbier, newly returned from Indochina, and his future wife, Aline Charigot. Leaning wistfully over the balcony to the left of the picture is the daughter of the house, *la belle Alphonsine*, one of Renoir's favourite models and, beside her, her brother Alphonse in a striped rowing jersey.

Bought in a derelict state by the municipality of Chatou in 1980, the Maison Fournaise is, at last, to be restored. Thanks largely to a donation from the American Friends of French Art, the wrought-iron balcony of Renoir's painting has already been rebuilt. The next stage of the project — refurbishing the facade and interior — began last autumn. Frescoes illustrating the four stages of man's life painted on the front of the building by Alphonsine's lover, Maurice Realier-Dumas, will also be restored.

Fortunately, perhaps, for the life of Chatou, the original plans to turn the Maison Fournaise into a cultural centre or museum of the Impressionists fell foul of the insurance companies who thought the risks of flooding in winter too great. Instead the house will once more function as a cafe-restaurant with the added attraction of temporary summer exhibitions and documentation on the history of the place.

Parisians speeding west from Paris on the autoroute de Normandy might not, today, think of stopping in Chatou. A hundred years ago, however, half Paris flocked out on the railway at weekends to swim and boat and dance the night away chez Fournaise, at the Grenouillere and the Bal des Canotiers in Bougival, and other cafes and *guingettes* that lined the river banks from Argenteuil to Bougival.

The Restaurant Fournaise remained one of the most popular. Maupassant, who stayed frequently before madness and his ether addiction overcame him, immortalised the owner, *"Le Grand Admiral de Chatou"* in his short stories. Renoir and Monet painted there — Renoir saying that he found there as many pretty girls as he could wish to paint and a *"fete perpetuelle."* From a seedy hotel room in the next door restaurant Levanneur Vlaminck and Derain, encouraged by their friend Guillaume Apollinaire, set off with a furniture van full of paintings one spring day in 1906 to launch Fauvism and the *Ecole de Chatou* upon the Parisian art world.

The real star seems, however, always to have been the daughter of the house, Alphonsine — a young widow whose husband, Joseph Papillon, was killed in the siege of Paris. Renoir painted Alphonsine many times, so did Degas and so, in later years, did her lover Maurice Realier-Dumas.

When the 18-year-old Realier-Dumas fell in love with Alphonsine, then already 32, his family reacted with consternation. Madame Realier, so ambitious for her talented son that she had a vast studio built on to their riverside mansion for him, did all she could to sever the relationship. Eventually in her will she ordered the house destroyed, devastated some say by the deaths of her husband and two younger sons—"I could not bear that anyone should come and laugh in the house where I have wept so much." What she was really unable to bear, say others, was the thought of "that girl from the bistrot" ever crossing her threshold.

For 40 years, however, her son remained faithful to "that girl" crossing the bridge to her house on the island night and day over the years, dying eventually in her arms in an upstairs room — even though the *"etat de mort"* apparently says otherwise. It is an affair which still sends ripples through Chatou. This summer when *Les Amis de la Maison Fournaise* organised an exhibition of Realier-Dumas's work the only painting they were unable to track down was his portrait of Alphonsine. "We know it is here somewhere" they said, "but whoever owns it has never been prepared to let us see it."

Alphonsine herself survived all the slander. In 1900 she successfully sued the city of Paris on the grounds that pollution of the Seine was destroying her business. Closing down the restaurant and boat hire business she lived, comfortably enough, on the compensation for the rest of her long life — though ruined in the end, according to Renoir's son, through the failure of her investment in Russian funds. A family photograph shows her at 79 surrounded by 20 of her relatives — matronly, upright, grey hair tied severely back — a very fine old lady.

The Seine remains, unfortunately, as polluted as ever. Both bathing and boat hire are now forbidden and the river is given over to commercial barges carrying coal and Renault cars, and to hydro-electrical plants bringing power to local factories. Jean Renoir when he visited Chatou in 1961 was shocked to find how much 20th-century industrial development had destroyed the 19th-century idyll his father painted. More recently, however, a park has been opened on the island and the riverside walks cleared along the banks. The re-opening of the Restaurant Fournaise will be the final step in the realisation of a dream long nutured by many local people. It is good to think that the visitors who now come to Chatou to walk by the river, to visit the spring and autumn antique fairs, or the summer *Fete des Canotiers* will also be able once more to eat and drink *chez Fournaise.*

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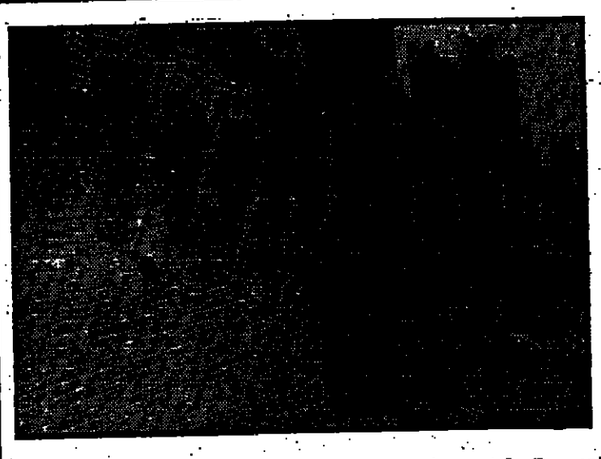
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Keith Spence spins tales of love and murder and the Renaissance families of Gradara

The castle of ill-starred brides

EIGHTY MILES south-east of Bologna, where the foothills of the Apennines crowd down to the sea, a mighty red-brick fortress stands guard over the narrow coastal plain. This is Gradara, a landmark of ancient permanence above the candyfloss modernity of Riccione, Cattolica and the other clustered resorts of the North Adriatic.

Owned successively by some of the greatest thugs (or most successful dynasties) of Italy — the Malatestas, the Sforzas, the Della Roveres, with interludes in the hands of various Popes — Gradara is remembered today mainly for its connection with Paolo and Francesca, the most ill-starred of the unhappy lovers of medieval Italy.

When Dante began his tour of Hell, escorted by the ever-patient Virgil (surely the ideal model for today's travel couriers), the first of his contemporaries he met were Paolo and Francesca, blown by the eternal winds of the Second Circle of Hell. They flew towards him, says Dante, "like doves swooping with closed wings to their sweet nest." The poet asks them how they came to be there, and Francesca answers that one day she and Paolo were reading the story of Lancelot and Guinevere. When they read how Lancelot had kissed Guinevere, Paolo kissed Francesca, "and that day we read no more."

Love, says Francesca, brought them to one death together — death at the hands of the jealous Giovanni Malatesta, who was Francesca's husband and Paolo's brother. The tragedy took place in about 1285, when Dante himself was 20. Though there is some dispute as to whether the double murder actually took place in Gradara, it seems highly probable.

At that time the Malatestas had been banished from their home town of Rimini but still had the lordship of Pesaro, with their castle of Gradara just a few miles away inland. Giovanni Malatesta, crippled, deformed and resentful of his flamboyant young brother, would naturally enough have kept Francesca near him at Gradara, and just as naturally have killed them there with his own hand when he caught them together.

In Giovanni's time, Gradara's chief fortification was the massive 12th-century keep. About 1250 it came into the hands of his father, also called Giovanni, who began the monumental circuit of turrets, high walls and parapets. The work was completed at the beginning of the 14th century by Pandolfo Malatesta, the last surviving brother of the murderer Giovanni and the murdered Paolo. Successive Malatestas varied between the grim, who did their cousins to death in the dungeons of Gradara, and the cultured, who in the true spirit of Renaissance princes filled the castle with poets, painters and musicians.

The Malatesta rule came to an end in 1464, after Sigismondo quarrelled with the Pope, was excommunicated, and expelled from his domains. Gradara was granted to Alessandro Sforza; and from this time the rounded "M" with which the Malatestas signed their building work gives way to the "SF" of the Sforza clan.

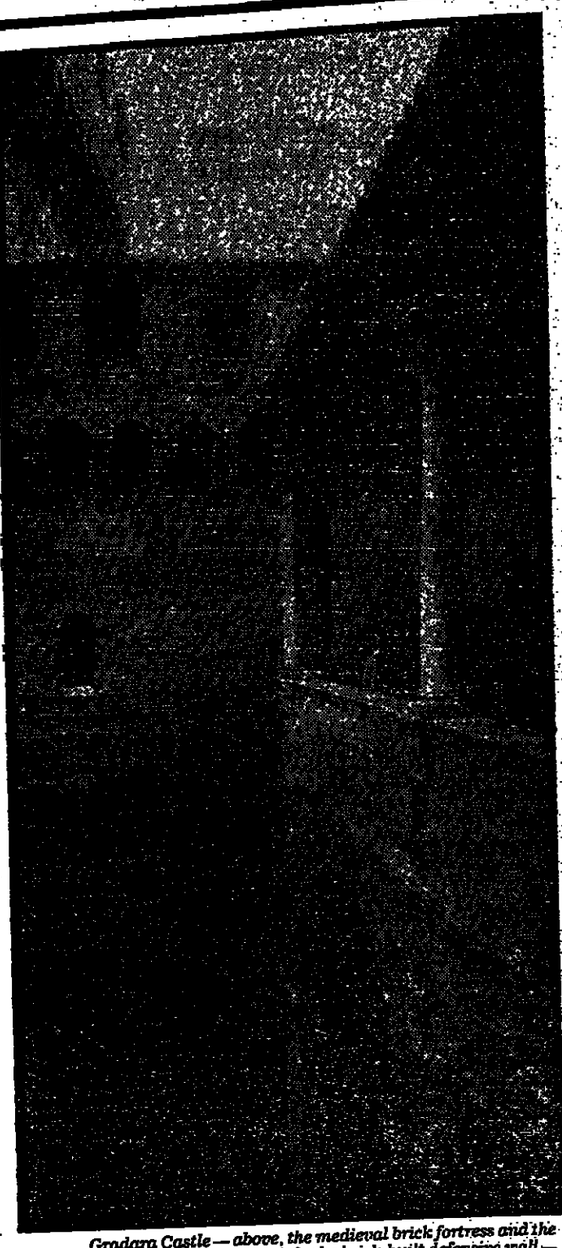
Thirty years later another ill-starred bride came to Gradara — Lucrezia Borgia, maligned by history for the past five centuries, who in 1493 married Giovanni Sforza when she was 13. Though the marriage lasted only four years before it was dissolved by the Pope, it left its mark on Gradara. For Lucrezia, Giovanni Sforza built the elegant arcaded loggia round the cental courtyard, and commissioned Giovanni Santi, the father of Raphael, to paint allegorical frescoes on the walls of her private apartments.

In the 16th and 17th centuries Gradara belonged to the Della Rovere family, then passed to the Papacy, and finally fell on hard times. Napoleon's troops devastated it in the early 1800s, and it was further wrecked by an earthquake in 1916. Its military past revived briefly at the end of World War II, when the German general Kesselring made it a strongpoint of the "Gothic Line."

Now beautifully restored and refurbished, Gradara is among the most evocative places in north-east Italy. Much of it, including Lucrezia Borgia's rooms, is still in private hands and cannot be visited. At present, all that is shown is the keep-tower, where the sinister side of Gradara predominates.

Leading from the imposing justice-chamber is a small door where prisoners walked through after their trial, no doubt sighing with relief. But with an ingenuity worthy of Edgar Allan Poe, there was a pivoted trapdoor in the floor, which the prisoner would step on and fall down a chute to a bed of spikes far below. Other victims were relegated to a well-lit room by the main entrance, which in its scoured simplicity is far more chilling than the smoke-blackened, London Dungeon variety of torture chambers.

Outside the barred window, carved in elegant Renaissance capitals, are the Latin words "Improbitatis Antidotum," or "a cure for wickedness." As the victims hung from the central pulley with heavy stones fastened to their feet, did their screams disturb the poetry-readings and madrigals of the lords of Gradara? Probably not, as death in all its forms was as much part of their world as colourful frescoes or the poems of Dante.



Gradara Castle — above, the medieval brick fortress and the Renaissance loggia, and, top left, the brick-built defensive wall — pictures by Keith Spence

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Palladian style — Hugh Hebert tours the famous villas of the Veneto, but finds all is not well

THE VENETO is the terraferma, the mainland territory of the Serenissima, the plain below the Dolomites. Vicenza is the place for Palladio — he came here when he was 15 having run away from his home in Padua, and from about 1550 on designed and built villas and public buildings that took the patterns of Roman temples and set them to secular use.

In Vicenza itself, he built the Teatro Olimpico, a sort of Roman amphitheatre, but with a roof, and a permanent set like an altar screen with five entrances. Unless stopped in time, the guide will enter by and exit through each of then in turn, disappearing backwards into a trompe l'oeil perspective of streets and popping out somewhere else, talking all the while.

Vicenza bustles with provincial self-importance — but in the unlikely-looking Chiesa di Santa Corona you will find Giovanni Bellini's great Baptism of Christ.

Not far away there is the Villa Capra — Valmarana, the model for Chiswick House in London, and unlike most of his villas, that were designed for landowners as part of working farms, Palladio built this one for a powerful worldly Venetian priest who wanted a quiet place in the country where he could carry on his political intrigues.

Nearer Treviso, the Villa Barbero is less severely symmetrical, a long low arcaded shape nestling in the side of a hill with heroic statuary outside, and inside, walls covered with Veronese frescoes. The visual jokes look better on the ceiling than at door level where they must pall pretty soon, and anyway reveal too much of that characteristic fresco quality, as though they had been subcontracted to a specialist in pebble-dash.

I preferred the Villa Foscari's cool interior where the top layer of plaster with the fresco on it was carefully removed and sold off (falsely) as Veronese. You are left with the great through hall in all its plain and perfect proportions. This was one of the villas built as summer retreats from the heat and smell of Venice. But since then the factories of Porta Marghera, Venice's mainland industrial zone, have grown up and grown nearer to muddy the view and the air, and the massive portico looks saddened by it all, and a bit tattered.

But away from Marghera, this is a rich green countryside, even in late autumn, with small, leafy English-looking places like Treviso, and unmistakably Italian hill towns like Asolo, where the roofs run at all angles in terracotta confusion down from the summit: the home now of the great traveller Freya Stark who might, we were told, even be coming to this very hotel to lunch. We waited and ate, but finally we had to leave without seeing that indomitable face.

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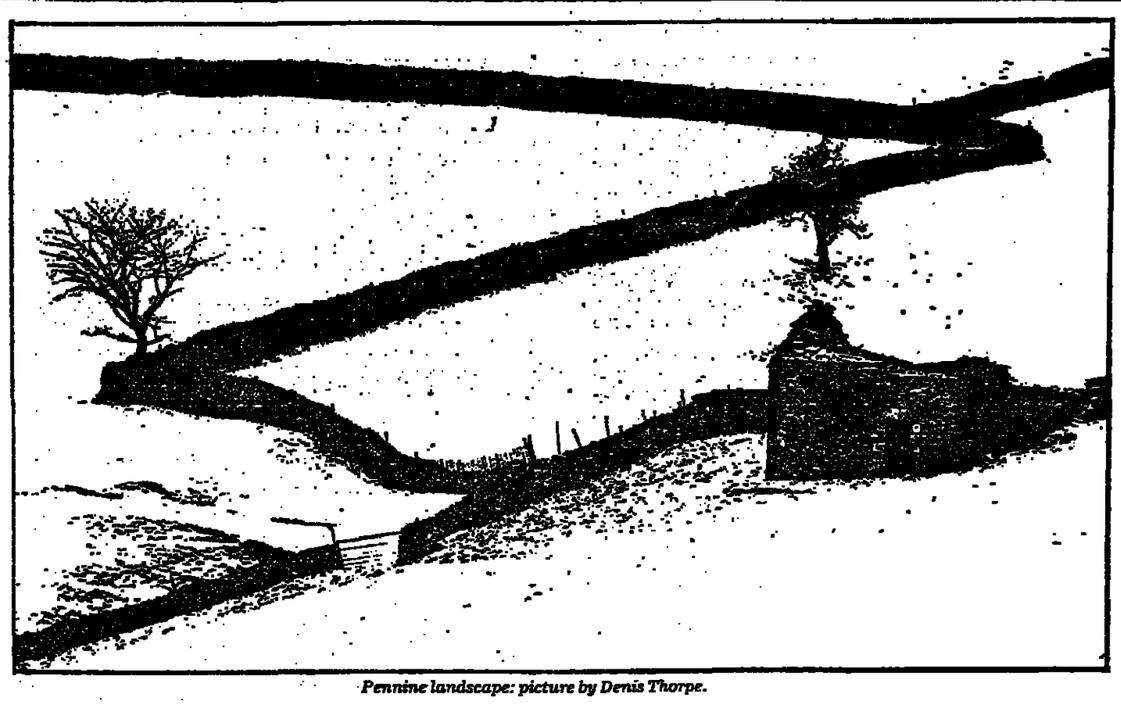
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Cow slip wine



Pennine landscape: picture by Denis Thorpe.

Pennine Ways: The water started smelling and tasting strange — a little like the colour of appleade, not too sweet, but a good strong taste, of the country. . . . Kate Wedd continues her account of the family that has abandoned town life for a moorland cottage.

I AM a weedy little townie and I lack the pioneer spirit. This collapse of enthusiasm for the country life can only partly be explained by the weather — though it takes some luck to move to the Pennines for the worst winter in 20 years — but mainly because there is a gulf between the pastoral myth and the cold and dirty reality. This was especially clear to me when, with a house full of guests, the water suddenly started smelling and tasting . . . strange.

But why the euphemism? To tell the truth, the water smelled and tasted like cow's pee. To tell a worse truth, the reason for this is a simple one. A cow or cows unknown had taken to peeing in our water supply.

This does the drinker no harm at all, my cheerful qualified chums were quick to assure me. They, living in town and drinking tap water, were happy to point out that pee is actually sterile and so represents no health hazard. I was glad of that, but I still could not help noticing that the tea smelled so strange, the vegetables boiled in water had a new and piquant bouquet, and the greens were so very green.

When I sprang pink and glowing from a hot bath I did not smell of sweet body oils, but there was just a hint of slurry about me. The bath water, too, was not encouraging; however many bubbles I added, the water still looked light brown. After a bath in cow's pee you turn to the sink and brush your teeth in cow's pee, and this is a disheartening experience. My clothes, too, lacked the April freshness I was promised.

A week of this was enough to give me rather a jaundiced view of life (if not skin colour), and by the time my nearest and dearest came staggering down the hill dropping their suitcases in the mud and shrieking at the cows I was surly and unapologetic. I felt that it was some sort of initiation ceremony through which they must pass. Here we are — hot and cold piss on tap — take us or leave us.

Bless them, they took it. And if they rebelled or complained they did it discreetly, for not a word of complaint did I hear. Le Patron Himself took to drinking his Scotch neat — the best excuse for years; I bought some extra-strong tea, and we assured the children that all spring water tastes like this.

Fortunately they had not brought their fizzy drink maker or they might have discovered an entirely new flavour. If they had got to like it, where could they have bought more? A little like the colour of appleade, not too sweet, but a good strong taste. The taste of the country, one might say. In fact I should be bottling it and making a fortune. What it has done to the bouquet of the home-brewed wine only warm weeks in the bottom of the airing cupboard (which smells homely and stable-like) will show.

We have had the water analysed and comfort ourselves that although it is not town-tap pure, it is not actually poisonous. And at least I know where my water has come from and who drank it before me — which is more than you can say in Milton Keynes. Also, this is exactly what is drunk by our neighbours and they all live to be a hundred, smoking like chimneys, drinking like fishes, and probably shooting dope and sniffing glue for all I know.

We are lucky to have water at all. Our nearest neighbours, looking south over the windswept and cold moor, are higher, colder, and drier than us. They have no water in the summer because the spring dries up; they have no water in the winter because it freezes up. I believe they snatch a few weeks in April and October when the water comes out of taps and they can have a bath.

They give me invaluable equations like one bucketful of snow = one kettle of water, and the average ceiling will support 30 buckets of snow which has drifted in under the eaves, before it collapses. I poke my head into our loft after a snowfall and inspect the newfangled notion of roof felt and thank God for the onward march of progress.

Ah yes, for it is only when I am in town surrounded by video shops and muggers that I think of myself as pre-industrial revolution and a bit of a Luddite at heart. Confronted with a pre-industrial landscape and extremely pre-industrial weather, I suddenly become very keen on the 20th century: central heating, thermal underwear, WD40, and the telephone. Not to mention the inter-city service to London.

But ironically, a few days in the big city was enough to send me arrowing for home like a flock of geese. Honk honk! I said miserably to myself in tubes and on escalators and in the dirty slushy streets. The dreadful smell of that wind in the tubes. The ways your eyes ache, the noise of the traffic, and the thousands of people. I saw more people in four days than I have seen in four months and not one of them stopped to say hello. And in all that crowd, how do they ever find the sheep?

Toots, who is so assured and competent facing snowdrifts and bulls, behaves like an idiot in the city. She smiles at everyone, especially mad-looking men, and barely has the decency to wait for them to offer her a sweetie before trying to run off with them. She amused herself on the tube by trying to get her foot shut in the doors, and on roads she behaved as if cars were mirages which would disappear if she could run into them. I would rather take a flock of Swalesdales across Piccadilly Circus than try to shop in London with Toots.

But I daresay Le Patron felt the same about me. I smelled smoke on the underground and bolted for the escalators as if it were a sniff of sulphur and Mephistopheles after me. His appeals to me to get back on the train and stop behaving like a hayseed were not of the most patient. We were all looking forward to getting home.

But while nothing in life is quite how one expects, nothing in the country is ever how I expect because we are in the grip of so many unpredictable forces. I expected to return to find the cottage well snowed-in. I had anticipated that we might have to dig ourselves a path to the back door.

"Where's the shovel?" said Le Patron.

"By the vegetable patch," I answered efficiently, and then looked to where the vegetable patch probably is. The garden is a featureless arctic waste bounded by the top of the drystone wall guarded by a two-bar-gate, and crossed only by rabbit tracks. The shovel could indeed be under there, but so could the council snow plough. We won't know till spring. We dug ourselves in with our hands.

I had expected the water to be frozen or the water pipes burst. No such thing. It gurgled out of the taps as readily as if we were in Birmingham. It smells all right now, too. In my delight I stepped back sharply and skidded on the frozen lake on the kitchen floor. Water we have — it is the electricity which had gone off, and the fridge had dripped meltwater on the floor which had frozen into a small skating rink. Even when we got the power back, it took an ominously long time to thaw. Toots thought it was great. Le Patron and I were less keen.

I am a horrid little townie, but I cannot live in town, and I am slowly learning how to live here. One recent lesson was not to meddle with the perfectly proper courses of nature unless you are qualified to do so. It came about because I glanced from the window to see a rabbit leaping about in the snow with a weasel fastened on its neck. Like all townies I am deeply sentimental, especially about rabbits (dear sweet furry things), and less emotionally interested in weasels (which behave so badly in Little Grey Rabbit, etc.) so I leapt to my feet, sprang into my wellies, and raced out to the rescue.

The weasel bunked off, leaving the rabbit horridly half dead, paralysed in its hind legs but scrabbling with the front legs in the blood-stained snow. This little child of nature came to an abrupt halt in the mercy mission and said, "There, there," to cheer the rabbit up. I walked slowly back to the cottage with the problem at my heels. I rang a friend who knows about these things.

"Take it by its feet and bang its head against the wall," he said authoritatively. "It's horrid, but if you do it once, you'll be able to do it hundreds of times."

"How often have you done it?" I asked, impressed.

"Just once," he said.

I rang Le Patron. "Take the chainsaw out," he said. (He must have been in the video shop again.)

"Lead's too short," I said, prepared to consider any options.

"The electric carving knife," he said.

I hung up before he could suggest the food processor and put myself through a searching moral survey balancing squeamishness and cowardice against a sense of responsibility for the blasted animal. My sense of duty won. My potty training must have been absolutely barbaric to have left me so disciplined.

I opened the kitchen drawer and selected a weapon. With Sabatier meat cleaver in one hand and chopping board in the other, I strode out in the snow with my jaw squared. Toots, supposedly enjoying her afternoon nap, yelled out as I went past her window: "What you doing Mummy?"

"Gardening, darling," I said, quick as a flash, and marched on. Our pet rabbit — the stupidest rabbit in the world — was out in her run eating snow and doing aerobics. She took one glance at the meat cleaver and my face and dashed into her hut quivering with fright. I strode determinedly past her and over the garden wall. I marched, dignified, but rather slowly, down the hill to do my duty. I rather dawdled for a few paces and then came to a standstill.

Thank God the darling little weasel had got there first. The rabbit was dead and my well meaning meddling had made only a very little difference. I skipped home at peace with the world. I even fed the stupidest rabbit in England. I returned the meat cleaver to its drawer where it can stay till the next person gives Toots a stick of rock which needs slicing.

Now if I was a real countrywoman, I should have skinned it and gutted it and ate it for tea.

No way, not yet, maybe not ever.

John Ezard meets the man who devises the fiendish King William's College general knowledge test.

The master inquisitor

IN HIS state of health, almost anyone except a Yorkshireman or Manxman would have kicked the porch door ajar and dived back inside for cover. But Tony Glover opened the door of his bungalow and stood in the brunt of the wind from Castletown harbour to greet us.

The day before, he had gone down with flu on the icy seventh hole of Castletown golf course. But he rose from a sickbed, face coloured with a temperature, and put on a cravat to give Denis Thorpe and me the first known interview with one of a succession of men who have teased, goaded, tormented, and stimulated the minds of millions of Guardian readers at Christmas over the past 34 years.

Tony Glover is, as Homer said of Ulysses, "a man of many tricks" who knows the minds of many men. He has, as the school magazine, the Barrovian, noted in a tribute recently, a penchant for crosswords, a "longing for something nearly finished and in order." He is "an archivist, a storer-up of fact and knowledge." He is also "a miniature Wisden in himself." He is (in case the clues so far are as fazing as many of the ones he sets), the man who compiles a great British institution — the annual general knowledge test from King William's College, Isle of Man.

The 350 pupils have as usual taken it twice, unseen on the last day of autumn term, and on the first day of spring term, without reference books but after a Christmas vacation of library research. The 180 questions are each worth two marks. A good mark for the unseen test — whether you're a pupil or a Guardian reader — is considered to be 70. This year the best pupil mark in this category was an abnormally low 19, possibly because some of the most straightforward questions depended on knowledge of 1960s and 1960s showbiz. A number of adult Guardian readers would probably have done much better and the Benny Greens of this world would have scored artificially high.

But the best mark after preparation was 310, only 50 short of the maximum. It meant that Simon Raphael had penetrated most of the traps and deceptions which Tony Glover lays with the ingenuity of a Renaissance torturer. For example Set Two, for which the question began, "Delineate: 1, a beer glass. 2, a nap raiser . . . 10, a Pools return," turns out to require the names of ships or things associated with them.

It was possible to answer all Set Seven correctly without getting a mark unless you realised that Mr Glover wanted generic letters and numbers. Question 10, for example, was "What was Who's?" The key was Canine but the only admissible answer was K9. "Usually you need to get a couple of answers right — and from those you can deduce the principle on which the set depends," Mr Glover said.

He has been devising the test with contributions from another retired master, Cyril Attwood, since 1982. He has only two predecessors — Dick Boyns and the late Denys Thompson. The test dates back to 1905. It was put into the care of an individual master in 1917.

The role of the test is unchanged. "The real point is to get the pupils into the libraries. I don't think primarily about readers," Tony Glover said.

Not liking large towns, he came to the island 32 years ago from Wakefield Grammar and Leeds School of Art. "In nearly all his ways, he brought his county with him," wrote the Barrovian on his retirement last year. He remains a faithful Yorkshire cricket club member; according to the Barrovian, "Geoff Boycott has been known to consult him." That is not entirely correct. Boycott in fact solicited his support as a member during some dispute. It seems unlikely that the batsman got it. Mr Glover disagrees with the Guardian leader-writing school of thought which views Mr Boycott as the Greatest Living Englishman.

"I'm sure no pupil's ever got the whole paper all right," he said. "There would have been a great deal of ballyhoo if anyone had. I would like to think that one doesn't need to be me — to get completely inside my mind — to do that. Everyone who has reached the 300 mark ought to be able to go that little bit further. I still do make it a bit too difficult. I have been trying to make it easier — I thought I had this year."

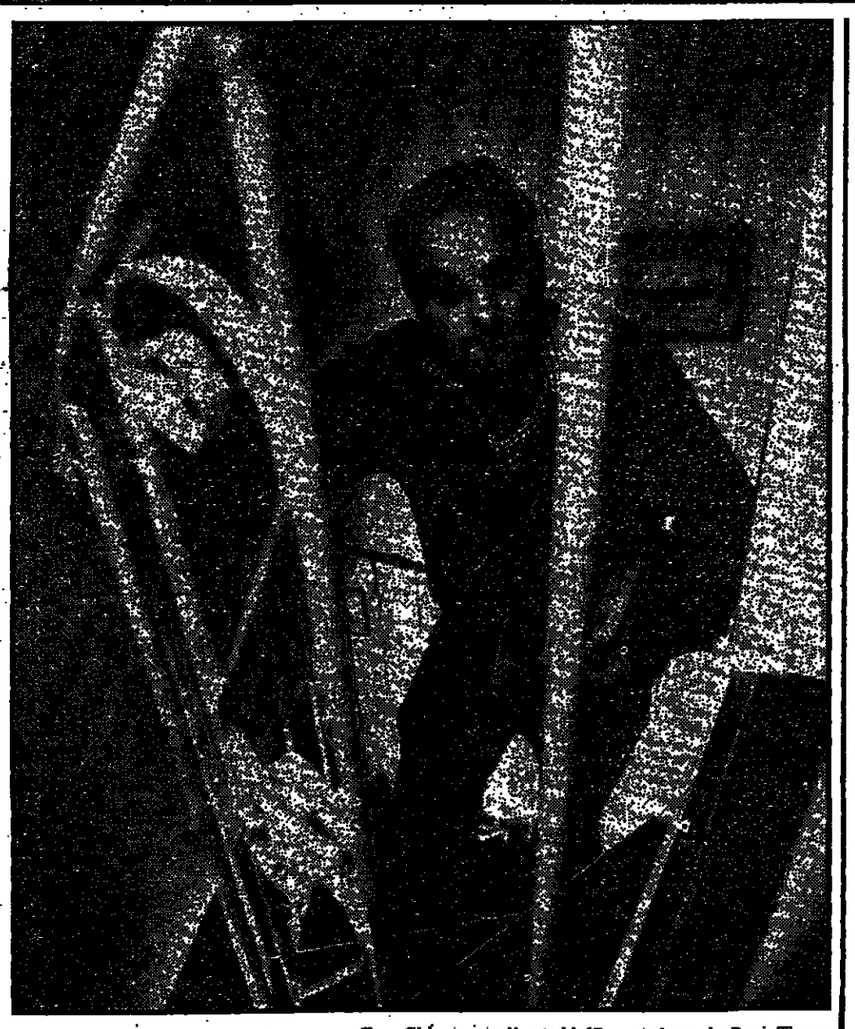
With help, I have achieved a kind of numbskull's revenge over Mr Glover. It is a little like catching Homer in the act of nodding, or detecting a basic error in an Einstein equation. Nevertheless I have caught him out in two factual mistakes. In the 1983 paper he asked "Who prosecuted the Utopian?" giving the answer as Richard Rich (Man for All Seasons).

Now in Robert Bolt's play it as Thomas Cromwell who prosecuted Sir Thomas More. Rich gave perjured evidence against him.

And in this year's questions, John Osborne's unperformed version of Coriolanus is named A Town Calling Itself Rome, not A Town Called Rome. The latter slip was spotted by the Guardian's theatre critic, Michael Billington. Small beer, perhaps, though if Mr Glover had been relying on exact answers to build one of his cumulative anagrams, he would have been in some trouble.

But a decent humility is in order. I scored only 42 (largely thanks to the showbiz questions) in a hasty unseen on this year's test. As for Billington — who has seen more Shakespeare than most modern Yorkshiremen have eaten high teas — he's been worrying since Christmas about Set Six, question seven: "Who said, 'Her bed is India, there she lies, a pearl.'?"

It was Troilus, old son.



Tony Glover ascending to his library: picture by Denis Thorpe.

Answers to this year's test

1. 1—Oxford English Dictionary; 2—P.O. Telephone Call Boxes; 3—Faberge; 4—Gaudi (Barcelona); 5—Arthur Ransome; 6—New Guinea; 7—Wisden (J. Wisden died); 8—Gordon (Khartoum); 9—Grover Cleveland; 10—First pedestal water closet.
2. 1—Schooner; 2—Gig; 3—Cruiser; 4—Galley; 5—Windjammer; 6—Junk; 7—Dingy; 8—Pontoon; 9—Ice-breaker; 10—Sloop.
3. 1—Twelfth Night (Smetana); 2—Much Ado About Nothing (Berlioz); 3—Henry IV (p.1 & II) (Orson Welles); 4—Romeo and Juliet (Bernstein / Laurents); 5—Coriolanus (John Osborne); 6—Merry Wives of Windsor (Vaughan Williams); 7—Macbeth (Kurosawa — "The Castle of the Spider's Web"); 8—Comedy of Errors (Rodgers and Hart); 9—Romeo and Juliet (Bellini); 10—The Taming of the Shrew (Cole Porter / S. & B. Spewack).
4. 1—Curling; 2—Angling (coarse); 3—Tennis (real); 4—Surfing; 5—Shove halfpenny; 6—Boules; 7—Lacrosse; 8—Australian Rules Football; 9—Trampolining; 10—Dwile flunking.
5. 1—Leonard Bernstein; 2—Verdi; 3—Rossini; 4—Liszt; 5—Schoenberg; 6—Bruneau; 7—Kurt Weill; 8—Richard Rodney Bennett; 9—Benjamin Britten; 10—Handel.
6. 1—Lobelia; 2—Red feathers and a hula-hula skirt; 3—Adelaide (Guys and Dolls); 4—Conakry; 5—Sweeney Todd; 6—Pearl S. Buck; 7—Troilus; 8—Pearl Bailey; 9—Margaret Clitherow; 10—Jerry Gray (for Glenn Miller).
7. 1—U. 20 (Lusitania); 2—D. 8; 3—A-1 (satellite); 4—R 101; 5—X 10 (Tirpitz); 6—A 4 (Mallard); 7—K 2 (Mr Godwin-Austen); 8—U-2 (Eisenhower-Khrushchev); 9—M 6; 10—K 9.
8. 1—Trilby; 2—Pinafore; 3—Garibaldi; 4—Sou'Wester; 5—Leotard; 6—Jeans; 7—Tam O'Shanter; 8—Bikini (Ralik chain); 9—Panama; 10—Cardigan.
9. 1—Chatham; 2—Gen Wolfe; 3—Mozart; 4—Nelson; 5—Sardanapalus; 6—Procris; 7—Queen Elizabeth; 8—A miner; 9—Rubens; 10—Socrates.
10. 1—Tokyo / Osaka; 2—Paris / Bordeaux; 3—Chicago / St. Paul; 4—London / Paris; 5—Sydney / Perth; 6—Hook (Holland) / Cologne; 7—San Francisco / Los Angeles; 8—Rome / Milan; 9—Port Augusta / Alice Springs; 10—London / Brighton.
11. 1—Capt. Queeg; 2—Capt. Briggs (Mary Celeste); 3—Capt. Bligh; 4—Capt. Boycott; 5—Capt. Cook; 6—Capt. Vanderdecken; 7—Capt. Orton; 8—Capt. Gilpin (John); 9—Capt. Bayonet; 10—Capt. Kidd (E.A.Poe).
12. 1—Viola (Twelfth Night); 2—Overlord; 3—Purpure; 4—Sepia; 5—Orange (House); 6—Black (Olympic Links); 7—Yellowhammer (Alabama); 8-Magenta; 9—Gamboge; 10—Green and yellow (electric wiring).
13. 1—The Turn of the Screw; 2—Rebecca; 3—Gone with the Wind; 4—Beau Geste; 5—Little Lord Fauntleroy; 6—Pride and Prejudice; 7—Man of Property; 8—Poldark; 9—Guy Mannering; 10—Woodstock.
14. 1 — Edward (J. M. D. P.) Dunsany; 2 — James (A. A.) Joyce. 3 — Ezra (L.) Pound; 4 Evelyn (A. St.J.) Waugh; 5 — Thomas (H. H.) Caine; 6 Rupert (C.) Brooke; 7 Joseph (H. P.) Belloc; 8 — John (R. R.) Tolkien; 9 — Dylan (M.) Thomas; 10 — Oscar (F. O'F. W.) Wilde.
15. 1 — Chicago (1871); 2 — Reichstag (1933); 3 — Greek Fire; 4 — Portland (Cumberland-Maine, 1866); 5 — St. Elmo'S Fire; 6 — Troy (C11, B.C.); 7— The Firefly; 8 Oslo (1624); 9 — Rome (64); 10 — London (1666).
16. 1 — Terrazzo; 2 — Mezzanine; 3 — Lazzarone; 4 — Lippizzaner; 5 — Embezzle; 6 — Mozzarella; 7 — Muezzin; 8 — Mezzotint; 9 — Morbidezzi; 10 — Pizza.
17. 1 — F. D. Roosevelt; 2 — D. D. Eisenhoweer; 3 — Th. Roosevelt; 4 — Grover Cleveland; 5 — Andrew Jackson; 6 — J. F. Kennedy; 7 — R. M. Nixon; 8 — W. H. Taft; 9 — R. B. Hayes; 10 — Jas. Buchanan.
18. 1 — Cambridge University Boat; 2 — Princess Margaret; 3 — Donald Duck; 4 — Last village in England to receive mains water; 5 — Daley Thompson and Sebastian Coe, (Lowe won 800m in 1924 and 1928); 6 — Harold MacMillan; 7 — 17 (Chesterfield by-election); 8 — Independence Day (Repairs to Statue of Liberty); 9 — Pete Marsh (B.C. Man); 10 — Winston Smith (Orwell).

Peter Mullen, a Yorkshire vicar, shakes the ragbag of contemporary theologians.

Twilight of the idols

THEY SAY the doctrinal controversy in the Church will get louder during the year and even result in "a crisis for faith." To me the most remarkable thing about this controversy is that anyone should find it in the least remarkable: how loud is the uproar in fact? Let us shake the ragbag of contemporary theologians and ecclesiastical politicians and listen for any sound that may escape.

First among provocative agents is the Bishop of Durham whose white hair is now regularly seen dodging in and out of the coffee shops in the city that knew Hilda and Bede. A decent, sociable man given as much to pouring oil on our industrial troubles as he is to pouring cold water on articles of faith — though he shows no sign of having read Augustine on the relation between the kingdom of this world and the Kingdom of God. However, it is the nature of his theological views which has stirred up most attention.

David Jenkins is like an iconoclast whose hammer is not heavy enough to smash the idols upon which he spends his frenetic, talkative fury. The author of a slick phrase to speak of the Resurrection, "a conjuring trick with bones" — a phrase which, I admit, was strong enough to strike panic in the hearts of a conglomeration of literalists and theological flat earthers in the North-east. But those men were hollow and straw-headed long before Jenkins began his party pieces.

What of that phrase which captured the headlines? It turns out to be only a feeble echo of that 19th century whimperer David Strauss who referred to the Resurrection as "A piece of world-historical humbug." How brightly shone Strauss in the ice and lemon world of liberal theology! But who reads him now after the unseating he received from Nietzsche and Karl Barth? Is it really Jenkins's ambition to tread the same futile mill?

Then he ceases to write newspaper headlines and turns to the more considered stuff, such as his reprinted Bampton lectures which are a sort of petrification of his off the cuff pseudo-iconoclasm: "Unless man develops his derived personal reality in response to the underived personal reality of God, he loses his personalness in the impersonalness of the dependent materiality and history out of which he is emerging . . ." Hegel lives OK. Christian doctrine, which once had the immediacy to make fishermen leave their nets, now sucked through a straw over eight lectures whose prose makes the Hegelian dialectics read like simplicity, sweetness, and light.

It was said that Jenkins's talk had provoked God to pour down fire on York Minster; and it was the hollow men of the Fundamentalist Front who said it. It is a bad joke. That such tedious, circumlocutionary, over-qualified writing could incur the wrath of God! It is inconoclasm with a toffee hammer. Even his barbs come sheathed in velvet lest they prick us and we bleed. If God poured fire on account of this stuff, it was the fire of Gehenna, the fire to light a rubbish tip; or one last desperate attempt to fill the ragbag of theologians with some spirit.

The other candidate for the accolade Theological Casaubon is of course Don Cupitt whose Sea of Faith ebbed and flowed all over BBC-2 and can even now be discovered between the gardening section and cordon bleu cookbooks in city centre bookshops. And that is where it belongs, among the opiate of the bourgoisie. For Cupitt is a true sedative, self-designed to calm the numinous excitement of ancient doctrines and to replace them with explanations. Except the story of the Cross and Man's Atonement he will not allow under any circumstances: "It is a story that cannot be told."

We feel we want to encroach on the genteel world of explanations and bourgoise sensibility around Emmanuel College and announce to Cupitt that the story has been told — whether it can be or not — in language of divine power by St Paul, by Abelard, by the unread Augustine, and even, in a fashion of puerility, by the hollow men themselves. We must ask this man, who mustered the presumption to sit himself down in Nietzsche's chair on BBC-2, why the story of our Atonement cannot be told. He is not stuck for a kind of answer: "It contains morally repellent symbolism."

All is wine into water

Repellent to whom? To Abraham who was ready to sacrifice his son? To Samuel who hewed Agag in pieces before the horde that day in Gilgal? To Jeremiah in the mire? To Job who shrieked his despair at Pleiades and Orion and was answered out of the whirlwind? To Christ who wept and sweated blood? Not to mince words: we need morally repellent symbolism because this world contains morally repellent facts — but if they will not believe the prophets and Augustine when these tell of man's sinfulness and depravity, neither will they believe though they see Ethiopia and napalm, Belsen and the Bomb.

They reverse the miracles of Christ, these theologians: all is wine into water.

We do not need tedious explanations, the death of a thousand cuts, from theologians who may call themselves radical but who have never been within a Sabbath day's journey of the roots that clutch. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But from their writings, you can tell that these gents have never got further than the twilight of the idols.

There are others who hope to strike fire out of the ashes of ecclesiastical controversy in 1985. Among them, one Dr Colin Buchanan who is principal of St John's College, Nottingham — which is to say he is responsible for training men for the priesthood. Buchanan was the sprite who conducted a funeral service for the Book of Common Prayer when the Alternative Service Book came out — presumably because that "speech of the dead tongued with fire beyond the language of the living" could not hope to outlast the outpourings of the Liturgical Commission.

Buchanan wants — or, as they say in the trade, "is a vociferous spokesman for" — disestablishment of the Church. This is so that the Church can be free to speak its own mind. What mind is this? To find out, read Buchanan's college prospectus which looks as if it has been designed by a consortium of Sunshine Holidays and the Billy Graham organisation. All those neat evangelical noses and thick glasses. The glee of the charismatical vapours. The frank empty headedness and the endless artless line drawings and cartoons.

There is much talk of the Holy Spirit. But Buchanan is a leading synodsperson, much involved in behind the scenes politicking on behalf of those other straw men, the liturgical revisers. His first response to the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to rush out and form a committee, the more plausibly to pull the wool over the eyes of anyone still innocent enough to believe that the General Synod represents the views and feelings of English Christians.

Buchanan wants government by Synod; which means the National Church turned into an enthusiastic sect; which, being translated, in the absence of genuine democracy in the Synod, means government by Buchanan and his ilk. How ill that ilk is can be seen plainly when one of its number, Richard Rutt, Bishop of Leicester, refers in his synodical report on Godparents (GS Misc 202) — everything by numbers, religion by numbers — to the spirit of Anglicanism which grants every resident in this country rites of passage, as only "residual Christianity, generally called folk religion." Bishop Rutt is Patron of the Prayer Book Society — and nobody laughs.

These so called radical theologians and enthusiastic revisionaries, what are they but mediocrats speaking the language of bureaucrats, explainers, producers of diagrams, archetypes of our contemporary uninspiredness. They wave their arms about, but they will never fly. They glow with a certain peevish destructiveness, but they will never catch fire. For all their talk and sleazy self-glorying, they are the living embodiment of Amos' prophecy: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of the Lord."

A famine of Spirit. And that is a crisis for faith.

PAT ARROWSMITH'S poem Windows, quoted in last Saturday's article on CND's activists, should have read: "I have seen shutters, boarded windows, eyes glaze over, don't want to look at blazing truth . . . At point of penetration, break-in, breakdown, annihilation, we stretch selotape across the glass, to fortify transparent whitewashed screens." Apologies for the confusion.

WEEK-END ARTS

A case for the camera

Nancy Banks-Smith applauds Channel 4's coverage of the Ponting trial

I HAVE drafted three responses, Minister, to Mr Muldoon's question about Court Report.

Draft One: "My dear Muldoon. A more relaxed programme than court Report it would be difficult to imagine. The fluency of the performers, the force of the language, the clarity of the arguments are beyond praise. The fact that neither TV Times nor the daily papers carries any information about its timing adds a delightful tinge of mystery. My heartiest congratulations to the chef."

Draft Two: "Dear Muldoon. I do not have a television receiver myself though Nannie speaks highly of someone called Giant Daddy (cries of "Cross buttocks" from the back benches). I was therefore not aware that Court Report consists of four elderly gentlemen of sedentary habits sitting on hot tin roofs in a state of pitiable panic. Each appears to be afraid that, if he loses his grip, he will plunge into a bottomless pit of deputy under-secretaries, assistant under secretaries and private secretaries to the Secretary of State from which he will be lucky to escape with his sanity."

Draft Three: "Up yours, Muldoon. Who asked you to poke your nose in? It will be a cold day in hell, Muldoon, before you get any change out of me. Go boil your head."

After serious consideration, Minister, I would suggest Draft Three as having the merit of candour.

If I had not been watching Court Report (Channel 4) all this week, I don't suppose I would have realised that there are three possible answers to every question.

Channel Four had the simple and noble notion that the law means precisely what it says. That open justice, in the words of the defence counsel at the Clive Ponting trial, should be done openly and be seen to be done openly.

As every court is, in theory, open to every subject of the Queen they proposed to offer the public a full, fair, indeed Benofresque report of this case each night instead of "brief and breathless fragments of news bulletins and misleading headlines in daily newspapers." The fact that in camera means precisely opposite things in law and in television might have served as a storm warning.

The original idea was to have actors read the parts of participants in the trial very boringly indeed. By no flicker or inflection were they to imply a preference or a point of view. In no circumstances were they to behave as if they were auditioning for Rumpole or Yes, Minister.

There is a certain perversity in ordering an actor not to act, and the judge, who had reservations of his own, forbade them to do it that way. Personally I see no overriding reason why TV cameras should not be inside law courts as they are in the House of Lords.

Channel Four's response to this cautionary roar was little less than heroic. They transmitted the programme but replaced the performers with "distinguished broadcasters." Llew Gardner, Kenneth Kendall and Robert Dougall, whose outstanding merit was that they knew the way to Limehouse Studios. Indeed, Dougall was already there, preparing an inoffensive offering for old age pensioners called Years Ahead.

People are easier to change than props. The set, a striking if mysterious array of steeply pitched roofs, stayed, with the distinguished broadcasters perched on top like respectable and bespectacled tom cats.

They were all obviously in agony. Each grasped a pen with such a cadaveric spasm that you waited, flinching, for them to snap. Godfrey Hodgson, the presenter, seemed to be reading from a tele-prompter but his eyes glazed like a man whose tie is too tight. Each distinguished broadcaster had a solid wodge of prose in front of him the consistency of semolina: "He communicated information to a person other than a person to whom he was authorised to communicate it."

It was virtually incomprehensible. Everyone mentioned was a stranger and the subject matter was strangest. It was the sort of argument which is far easier to grasp in print, where you can turn back and try again. What, in God's name, is a Sonar Stork?

This is when Channel Four's courage deserved a little encouragement. If you persevered, it became clearer. After a couple of days you could at least tell the counsel apart. The distinguished broadcasters relaxed and let go of their pens. Robert Dougall took to gesturing benignly with one hand in a positively papal fashion. Godfrey Hodgson was almost seen to smile. On Thursday they risked a tremendously tiny legal joke. They looked like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego when they came out of the burning, fiery furnace, much to their own astonishment, only slightly singed.

Court Report has acquired with time momentum and fascination. I would not miss it now. We have been through too much together.

Waldemar Januszczak reviews the Renoir exhibition at the Hayward

Sweet smell of excess

"THE EXCITEMENT, I think, derives from his willingness to stake everything on achieving a marvellous excess," writes Dore Ashton of John Walker whose paintings can be seen upstairs at the Hayward. She might just as well have been writing about Renoir, whose pictures are to be found downstairs.

Excess, "the two-faced bitch-goddess so often goading 20th century artists," also goaded a few 19th century painters. In Renoir's case she goaded him to triumph and disaster with alternate prods.

Much of the harem with which Auguste Renoir surrounded himself is coloured a yellowish-pink, as if a tub of vanilla ice-cream had been mixed with a bucket of sliced peaches. Out of this wet flesh-substitute you can almost hear the old rascal slapping and smoothing his nudes into some sort of shape, moulding the giant hips he preferred, cupping his hands to form their tiny breasts, suggesting their dumb expressions with what amounts to a carrot for the nose and two bits of coal for those flashing black eyes. Renoir is as interested in true characterisation as a man designing a smily badge.

If excess can be said to have national characteristics — and I think both the new Hayward shows confirm it — then the two-faced bitch goddess goading Renoir is unmistakably French.

There is no morality in Renoir. Not a trace of it. There is no reining in of lust and precious little shame. He thinks nothing of asking a Gypsy girl, who can't be more than 12, to let her shoulder strap hang down and expose her burgeoning bosom. If Renoir had an inner self then it spent 60 years under lock and key. Let me put it another way. In Renoir the inner and outer self, the spirit and the senses, became one.

Hedonism was his religion. This is art which sets out to gobble up — and convey — all the joys which life can provide, its nudes and its sunshine, its afternoons spent boating on the Seine and its early evenings dancing at an outdoor cafe in Bougival. Renoir's sunshine doesn't twinkle through the trees or settle softly on the side of a young woman's face: that is English sunshine, as weak as a second pot of tea. Renoir's light floods into the picture with such raw force that it bleaches one poor nude sitting, dreaming by the side of a river, to the colour of an uncooked chipolata.

The Renoir exhibition has, I think, two ambitions. The first is to give a more complete picture of his career and to show that he was much more than an Impressionist. The second is to rehabilitate this late work, those corn-fed bathers who sit around the end of this exhibition like turkeys waiting for the over — a near-impossible task whose success depends entirely on the individual spectator's tolerance to excess.

In its first ambition the exhibition succeeds admirably, although at a cost. Basically Renoir the Impressionist has been all but written out of the story, represented by no more than a handful of landscapes, a few boating scenes at Argenteuil, a rocky ravine at L'Estaque, an almost derisory account of what must still be seen as the summit of his career.

For most of this exhibition Renoir is seen not as the rebellious Impressionist who taught French art a new way of seeing, and therefore changed its course, but as a quintessentially French painter who belongs firmly in the mainstream, a direct descendant of Fragonard and Boucher, of Delacroix and Monticelli, and, in his less praiseworthy moments, of Greuze and Vigee-Lebrun.

His favourite subjects were the French rococo's favourite subjects, lovers having fun round a swing or flirting in the gardens, big pink nudes and wide-eyed children touting for your pity, informal scenes of young girls being taught to play the piano, flower pictures and the occasional landscape to remind you of the joys of the great outdoors.

It is as a sensualist that Renoir achieves his greatest triumphs. It is as a sensualist that he commits his most offensive acts of painterly indecency. Throughout his career, which begins with a series of uncharacteristically dark, Spanish-style portraits and nudes, he was capable of mixing glorious moments of virtuoso painting with the most appalling technical ineptitude, often within the same picture.

Parisian Women In Algerian Dress is an early fantasy not so much inspired by Delacroix as a brazen example of aesthetic theft. Shown in various stages of veiled disrobement, the two girls on the right try unsuccessfully to convince us that they are dreaming of some distant mystery of the Orient. But the one on the left, a solid and sensible looking Parisian model, is a triumph of naturalism and seems to have wandered on this exotic set by mistake from a painting by Courbet.

It was always so with Renoir, the sublime and the ridiculous squabbling over the same stretch of paradise. He is at his best working on a smaller scale, giving his brushstrokes their head in a confined space, in the dazzling Impressionist landscapes and tremulous flower studies. Renoir's bouquets are not the careful arrangements of irises and carnations that we encounter so often in the salons of French art but real bunches of flowers, 30 chrysanthemums at a time, rolled up loosely in brown paper and thrust into the hands of a passing mademoiselle.

No other age but our own would have attempted the rehabilitation of Renoir's late works. They are such disgracefully decadent paintings, an old man's dream of a golden age, blurred around the edges with pink and white marzipan on the inside. Everywhere you look there are plump, subservient washer-women doing his shirts for him, or nudes just sitting by the side of the river looking lazy and unintelligent, like fat human herons.

These late nudes are somehow more pathetic and less realistic than the earlier ones. Renoir's late mythologies are not about sex but about fading dreams. For the first time you sense a painter who has felt regret. Among the late portraits — the most sympathetic and contemplative he ever painted — is one of Madame Renoir. We have seen her often before in the show, the nude embodiment of the Rubensian women he admired. Here she appears as a human being for the first time, old, fat and weary.

Upstairs at the Hayward, the two-faced bitch goddess goading John Walker is unmistakably English. These dark, ponderous paintings are the work of a man so uncomfortable with expressing his emotions that they can only emerge as huge black farts of pain and wind.

A juggernaut stuck in first gear, John Walker's art crawls past its themes painfully slowly, examining each one from all sides, loth to leave it behind. The Alba series is based on the portraits of Goya and Velazquez. An abstract shape which stands as solid as a column at the centre of each picture appears to be derived from the outline of the little princess in Velazquez's Las Meninas.

Looking at these paintings, at the enormous physical labour that went into them, the scraping and the splodging, the sheer weight of paint, the hunger for profundity, the use of religious formats, triptychs and diptychs, the quotations from the Bible, I was reminded instantly of those rock musicians who appear on stage surrounded by dry ice and laser beams, banks of speakers, giant light towers and huge video screens showing Fritz Lang's Metropolis, when all they want to say is Baby, I Love You. There is as much emotion in a single chrysanthemum painted by Renoir as in a whole floor full of pictures by John Walker.

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Solti/ Chicago SO

IT IS now nearly 16 years since Sir Georg Solti became music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and under his baton this leading orchestra still has power to surprise as well as to draw predictable admiration. The love affair — Sir Georg's term for his relationship — still goes on, as we heard in this first of two concerts rounding off a long and gruelling European tour.

Too often American orchestras in London are jet-lagged to a man at the start of tour, or else dying in their seats with tiredness at the end. The Chicago orchestra started ominously this time with quite the coarsest performance of God Save The Queen I have heard in years, in a crude arrangement with brass unpleasantly raucous. That coarseness, I suspect, might have been deliberate, when in seconds Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony started with a lightness and delicacy to have one doing a double-take of delight.

Solti and the orchestra, in scintillating form, showed us that this is not just the conventional ballet score which most critics have dubbed it, but a concerto for orchestra not far short of Bartok's. The first movement was full of laughter — showing how far the fierce Solti can now relax with his players. The lyrical second had a reserve in its clarity with no romantic indulgence, leaving us to a dazzling scherzo at a breathtaking presto. The one moment of genuinely deep feeling in the work, the bassoon recitative which musingly punctuates the brief but monumental fourth movement was then the more heart-searching before the spiky fripperies of the finale.

The Shostakovich Ninth was a revelation: the Bruckner Ninth then brought comparable clarification and brilliance of execution, but the relevation was more limited. Bruckner marked the opening of the symphony misterioso, but Solti/Chicago clarity allowed little or no mystery. This was Bruckner brought into the light of day, powerful not just in the force of fortissimos — with the Chicago brass getting very near the tolerance limit in the Festival Hall — but equally in the hushed transparency of pianissimos.

BIRMINGHAM
David Fanning

Rattle/CBSO

THAT Simon Rattle can programme five fairly unfamiliar pieces and still draw a full house is revealing. Even more so is the fact that to judge from the CBSO's forthcoming Thursday concerts (the next one pairing Schoenberg's Opus 16 and Mahler's Seventh Symphony), such a programme is no freak.

And when you see rows of young faces intently following Haydn's Symphony No. 89, or the not-so-young faces in the more expensive seats smiling in obvious appreciation of Ives's Unanswered Question, the extent of Rattle's impact is apparent.

Birmingham audiences obviously trust him, and no wonder. He wooed them with the straightforwardly gooey Nocturne from Scriabin's First Symphony, and sent them away with Bernstein's sublimely tasteless Prelude, Fugue and Riffs. This is actually a far less interesting piece than, say, Antheil's Jazz Symphony, but it is still a guaranteed crowd-pleaser, especially when as here, it is played with the coarse-eged attack it deserves.

In between, he offered the most spontaneous, sympathetic Haydn anyone could wish for. This is roughly how I imagine Beecham's Haydn to have been — so natural and unforced in its presentation that you wonder why other performances never seem to sound right.

Shostakovich's First Violin Concerto was written for David Oistrakh, and anyone who knows his recorded performance might wonder how it could ever be matched. In the hands of Victor Liberman this happened — and a devastating experience it was.

Liberman, who came to the West only five years ago, is now leader of the Concertgebouw Orchestra. He has all the qualities of the great Russian violinists — a tone with as many shadings as the human voice, the ability to savour a musical turning-point with the utmost refinement, and yet also, when needed, to dredge up grim emotions from the darkest recesses of the soul.

In the fourth bar of the orchestral introduction there was a special atmosphere. The fateful strokes of the gong later in the movement, the stiffening of the tempo for the xylophone theme in the scherzo — these and innumerable other details showed Rattle's instinct for Shostakovich's music.

Liberman's response was awesome. From the oppressed, convoluted lyricism of the nocturne, through the implacably brutal scherzo, the sorrowful passacaglia and its fantastic cadenza, he unfolded an interpretation of total mastery, even managing to screw up the tension for the desperate panache of the finale. I had not thought to hear such a comprehensive account of this masterpiece from any living violinist.

Highlights of next week's television and radio

Monday

Miami Vice (BBC-1, 9.25). Feature-length pilot for a new crime series: two undercover cops, one a black New Yorker, the other an ex-football pro, with nothing in common but their dress sense, team up to track down a drug dealer among the sleazoids in Florida's sin city.

Horizon (BBC-2, 9.30). If you're a left-handed, stuttering dyslexic who suffers from allergies, take heart, you've a better than average chance of being a good tennis player, computer designer, or architect. According to a genial Harvard professor, all these characteristics are dependent on the right side of your brain predominating over your left, and that in turn depends on your hormonal mix before birth.

Heaven, Man Earth (C4, 9.0). Patchy documentary about the rituals and racketeering of the Hong Kong Triads. As so often, the historical allusions are among the most interesting the links between the present-day heroin dealing and the British opium trade.

Tuesday

Brigadista (BBC-1, 9.25). Discomforting play about a veteran of the Spanish civil war who is re-united with two fellow International Brigadiers 47 years on. Now a successful novelist, he's unwisely tried his hand at autobiography. His memories may have faded but their grudges haven't.

First Tuesday (ITV, 10.30). Television brought the famine in Ethiopia to the attention of the world, and this documentary, filmed in the rebel northern province of Tigre, could have a similarly profound effect. It shows that the civil war goes on despite the shared suffering; relief supplies are being withheld from the Tigreans and, in some cases, have fallen into the hands of black marketeers.

Maelstrom (BBC-1, 8.10). Michael J. Bird, author of Who Pays The Ferryman? and its successors, evidently feels he's sated our appetite for sun, sex, and sorcery on the Greek islands because his new mystery thriller is set among the fjords of Norway. An Englishwoman come to claim her inheritance — a fish processing plant and an eerie island house — left to her by a total stranger. Too lugubriously Nordic by half in the first episode.

Wednesday

Blott On The Landscape (BBC-2, 9.0). First of a six-part dramatisation of Tom Sharpe's novel about the riotous consequences when an MP conspires to have a motorway driven through his wife's ancestral home. Geraldine James, tweedy and rampant as the formidable Lady Maud, leads the resistance with the help of her mysterious gardener Blott (David Suchet). George Cole is the shifty Sir Giles. Like most of Sharpe's novels, hilarious and over the top in about equal parts.

Timewatch Special (BBC-2, 8.10). No anniversary is too obscure or distant to escape the BBC's attention and tonight it is the turn of Charles II for the commemorative treatment (he died 300 years ago). His character and achievements are assessed by David Drew.

Thursday

The Outcasts (BBC-2, 9.30). "We're not the weekend bikers who go to the seafront to beat up pensioners — as a matter of fact, we're past all that," confides one of the Great Yarmouth Hell's Angels basking in the limelight of this Forty Minutes Documentary.

Helen Oldfield

Radio

Today: Blandings (Radio 4, 12.27 pm). Start of a new Wodehouse series, with Richard Vernon as Lord Emsworth.

Tomorrow: The Theban Plays: Oedipus the King (Radio 3, 7 pm). Real Third Programme stuff here: Robert Fagles is the translator of the trilogy by Sophocles, to be heard on successive Sunday evenings. A very grand cast, with Tim Pigott-Smith as Oedipus, Sian Phillips as Jocasta, and Patrick Stewart as Creon.

Monday: The Good and the Great (Radio 3, 7 pm). Peter Hennessy, ex-Whitehall correspondent, looks at those Royal Commissions and committees of enquiry whose reports hit the headlines (and are often conveniently forgotten). How do they work, and who appoints them?

Tuesday: Jimmy Young (Radio 2, 10.30 pm). The Gibraltar border, which was closed 15 years ago, is officially opened today, and the Rock is getting the accolade of a visit from Jimmy Young.

Friday: Old Stagers (Radio 2, 10.30 pm). This new series starts with the wonderful Gracie Fields.

Val Arnold-Forster

Michael Billington on The Government Inspector

Gogol's goblins

THE LAST production of The Government Inspector I saw was at the Moscow Satire Theatre where the play became a toothless farce with Khlestakov portrayed as a camp dandy. Nothing could be further from Richard Eyre's new production at the Olivier which, with exuberant panache treats Gogol's masterpiece as a nightmarish comedy about communal terror and individual self-delusion; and even if Rik Mayall makes the hero too much a raging psychopath his performance is still outstandingly funny.

John Gunter's epic set, as so often, sets the mood. The Olivier stage is covered with a vast ream of yellowing bureaucratic parchment in which giant bluebottles are permanently trapped. In a lightning flash the image of Nicholas I is projected on the paper, growing ever larger until it and the document disintegrate: from behind it, in a cloud of smoke, emerges a tablefull of moth-eaten provincial officials who learn that the Government Inspector is on his way.

Immediately this sounds the keynote of Eyre's production: we are in a society governed by paper, fear and paranoia. As Nabokov once pointed out, Gogol's play is not a realistic study of Provincial Russia (of which the author had seen very little): it is, he said, a private nightmare peopled with Gogol's own incomparable goblins.

Having established a mood of phantasmagoria and panic (where Jim Broadbent's Governor sticks a tricorn-shaped hatbox on his head instead of the hat), Eyre pulls his next trick by introducing a Khlestakov who is young violent and batty.

In the past, Scofield and Ian Richardson have played the St Petersburg clerk dazzlingly as an ageing fop. Rik Mayall, with hair "like a rabbit on fire" and ballooning check trousers, makes him a seething nonentity suffering the wildest delusions of grandeur.

One sees the point that Mayall and Eyre are making: a society governed by fear is ripe for appropriation by a lunatic. And Mayall is both chilling and funny in the way he shows (as Michael Chekhov apparently did in Stanislavski's production) an insecure booby turning into a demented psychotic under the influence of flattery.

By pushing the idea of lunacy so far, however, this interpretation undercuts the other characters. When the Governor's wife says, "He's got that St Petersburg air — he looked so suave and sophisticated" you feel she is the one who wants locking up because what we have actually seen is a madman on the brink.

A good idea, about the fanatical Russian subservience to power, is pushed beyond the limit; and when Mr Mayall hides from Peter Blythe's bribing Charity Commissioner and obscenely pushes his pinkies through the wainscot we are close to the realm of Spike Milligan's Oblomov where other actors are served up as feeds to the star. Restraint, however, is not a word in Mr Mayall's vocabulary; and even though his technique is limited he offers a memorable final image as (in a speech from Dead Souls) he floats off into the stratosphere crying, "Every country, every empire — they make way for me."

This is one of several liberties taken by Adrian Mitchell's excellent new version which finds distinct idioms for each character and which contains more funny lines than I remember. ("Women," spits out of the Governor chauvinistically to his wife and daughter, "That one word sums you up"). And even if Mr Eyre's production gives Mayall too much rope Jim Broadbent is superb as the Governor with lavatory-brush hair and quaking *embonpoint*; Rosemary Martin as his wife is all dowdy lust.

Though it is slightly over the top, this production actually gets closer than any version I have seen to the notion of people living out a Russian nightmare. When finally the whole petrified community is shunted into the shadows at the arrival of the real Government Inspector you feel the authentic frisson of living under a dictatorship.

Don't lets be beastly about Hollywood



EGGAR : concentration is 150 per cent — picture by Kenneth Saunders

"I'VE HAD it up to here," said **Samantha Eggar**, chopping her neck. Deceptively strong hands. Something amiss here. The presentiment had formed on entering her Chelsea flat, seeing her frowning absorption in a magazine article. Something about her red mane of hair turning towards the door triggered the thought that a morsel had just been pushed through the bars.

She read the article aloud. It dealt with the accident that befell Paul Scofield and other actors during the filming of The Shooting Party. "*This being the world of film stars,*" she recited with arch emphasis, "someone had a phone in his Range Rover."

After 20 years away she has returned to her native heath to find the British being beastly to film folk and Hollywood in particular. She's heard the odd snide comment during her Guildford run of Arthur Schnitzler's play The Lonely Road, in which she and Anthony Hopkins return to the London stage at the Old Vic on Wednesday.

"The telephone might have saved Paul Scofield's life," she said. "Why has everyone got to bitch? I know niceness is dull. I think we need more positivity and 'have a nice day.' All of us must pull together. Life's too short. This isn't the rehearsal. it's the take: he's the editor and you could go tomorrow."

And end up on God's cutting-room floor. But hadn't Solzhenitsyn summed up European dourness when, recoiling from American insistence that he have a nice day, he complained that life was too serious for such frivolity? He was Russian, she replied, promptly producing an ancient photograph of an unsmiling Russian group.

Perhaps, I ventured, the reason was that Russian dentistry was not up to Hollywood standards. "You're doing it again," she accused. "My teeth are British. Nary a Yankee has touched this Redcoat mouth." A vision of her throwing them against the fireplace to clinch British workmanship faded with a glimpse of her firm bicuspids.

"I feel this antipathy speared towards Hollywood," she was saying. "Hollywood is only a name. It's a pretty sleazy part of town now. I want to take away the wasted antagonism I pick up here about a non-existent city. I think it's a bit unfair. When people talk about England as being not the empire it was. I defend it vehemently. I am probably more royalist than if I had stayed here for 20 years."

But she didn't and certain bigoted sections of the British populace might feel, not to put too fine a point on it, that she had sold out. She inhaled. "Sold out? It's grossly incorrect."

She explained why. Her ascent to a land flowing with milk-shakes and jacuzzis was not as instantaneous and premeditated as may be commonly supposed. She began her theatre career with Donald Wolfit in a Cecil Beaton play, spent two seasons at Oxford Playhouse under Frank Hauser and then worked at the Royal Court with Tony Richardson and George Devine. She appeared in live TV plays and made her mark in the film The Wild And The Willing.

Then came the movie that won her best actress award at Cannes and an Oscar nomination. The Collector, with Terence Stamp, was shot at Hampstead and Pinewood in 1964.

"William Wyler got a cold and decided he didn't want to stay in Britain. The cellar set was reconstructed at Columbia Studios, and we all went over there. I had never been to the United States and had no intention of going. I was engaged to Tom Stern, who was filming in Utah. I came back here and got married in a church round the corner. If I wanted a honeymoon I had to go back to Utah," where she was offered Walk Don't Run with Cary Grant.

The entrapment began. She had a son, went to Britain for Doctor Dolittle, had a daughter, and was then signed up for The Molly Maguires. During the next few years she roamed the world, making 14 films based out of Hollywood. It was only in 1973, having exceeded her quota while shooting Anna And The King with Yul Brynner, that she was forced to secure a visa.

"I started living there because by this time my son was eight, my daughter six, and they were upset that they didn't have their own bedrooms. That put a sword through my heart. I rushed out and bought a house in Brentwood, near the beach."

Awarded one dollar a year alimony during her divorce in 1971, she continued to make films in the States and Canada. She has devoted the last six years to her children, turning down offers to act at the local triplex in LA. At a first night she met Anthony Hopkins, who persuaded her to return to the stage after a 23-year absence.

Had it been a painful change of gear? Not quite the bicycle ride everyone had predicted, she admitted. Concentration was longer, distractions greater. "On film one is so protected. If there's a sound the guy gets fired. For a few minutes your concentration is 150 per cent. It's like driving a Porsche from zero to a hundred and back down again. In the theatre you must sustain that at all times. Ropes and bits of string fall from the flies and you pretend it's a leaf."

At 45, Victoria Louise Marie Elizabeth Samantha Eggar, formerly of Hampstead, is weathering well. Richard Harris once remarked that beneath her fragility was someone as tough as old sticks. Like her fellow exile, Jackie (Hollywood Wives) Collins, she seems to have grown an extra layer to compensate for the disturbance to her roots.

She finds California beautiful and does not contemplate another move. But London has both entranced and disturbed her. A child of the Sixties, she sensed the people have consigned the Seventies to limbo.

"I suppose 20 years is a long time," she said. "I don't quite know who I am."

In the Lapp of the gods

THE LAPPS' sense of humour has been sorely tested by the Russian missile that crashed recently in Finland and whose remnants are now coming to light. Nor did their icy fastness resound with chuckles when they learned that the Western media reported that the impact area was only occupied by a few reindeer herders.

Magne Ove Varsi, a young Lapp journalist visiting London, dropped in the other day to administer a mild rebuke. "It is not true that there is just one lonely Lapp in that area," he said. "There were Saami (Lapp) people whose houses were trembling when the missile crashed. It could have landed on them. Even though we are a small population we don't want any nuclear weapons flying over us."

He recalled a Nato general's remark some years ago that northern Norway would be an ideal nuclear battleground. Such fears lend urgency to attempts by the Pan-Nordic council of Saami people in Norway, Sweden and Finland to demand more say in their destiny.

The largest Nordic concentration of about 40,000 Saami is in northern Norway, where Varsi was brought up and helped to establish a Saami newspaper. Untypically, he went to a school of journalism and now attends Oslo University.

His childhood was fairly traditional. His mother still weaves tapestries. His grandfather was a herder who followed the reindeer migrations from their winter grazing grounds in the interior to the northern coast. Undeterred by a new town in their path, the animals regularly chew up Norwegians' gardens.



Reindeer : not alone in facing nuclear threat

"The Saami want to follow Nature's cycle," he said. "We think that the land is our mother. It is the basis for our life. But we were colonised by the Bible and drink. We are now quite assimilated. We are bi-cultural and bi-lingual, which we think enriches our lives.

Like most Saami children, Varsi was compelled to learn Norwegian. Many of his own people, ignorant of their traditional tongue, are still unable to communicate with relatives in nearby Finland.

"We don't say that we don't want to learn Norwegian or that we don't want to live in Norwegian society. We do want our language and culture to be at the same level as theirs. Then we can meet as equals."

The Saami have virtually lost their battle to stop a hydroelectric project on the Alta River, which is to dam Northern Europe's largest canyon and submerge traditional grazing land. Two hunger strikes won a government pledge to investigate their rights. They are now demanding their own parliament

DAVID MEYER : triumph of hope over experience

Which twin is Tony?



THE theatrical twins **David** and **Tony Meyer**, were recently offered a single part in a play at the Liverpool Everyman. Well, almost. They were to play Siamese twins. Perhaps it was as well that the plan came unstuck, it would have established them even more firmly as a double act than appearing together as the two contrasting sides of Hamlet in Celestino Coronado's film of the play a few years ago.

Tony was the doubting side of the Prince of Denmark, and David the affirmative. It was not, says David, type-casting. Since then, the twins have largely gone their own ways — with David being pressed into service as a film producer, for Coronado's latest Shakespearean venture, A Midsummer Night's Dream, which opened in London this week.

David says he only did the job because he badly wanted the film to be made. It was shot in Spain, edited in England and is adapted from the Lindsay Kemp Company's theatrical production. There was a Spanish co-producer, and both he and David had small parts.

"One of the most splendid moments for me," says David, "was to watch my co-producer, looking extremely saintly in full Archbishop's gear, trying to explain to the cast why they were going to be paid tomorrow and not today."

Actually the production went pretty smoothly, despite the small budget and the film was accomplished from beginning to end in less than a year, being successfully shown at the London Festival last November. It's a gutted version of the play, lasting only 77 minutes, but David is sanguine that it keeps to the spirit of the original, and does one thing that no theatre production could effectively manage — it makes the fairies as small as they ought to be.

"That's a great bonus as far as the audience's imaginations are concerned," he says, "and it's a play that really needs such an emphasis. Yes, we cut the text in half, but then so did Olivier when he made his version of Hamlet. In the cinema, that doesn't matter. The poetry has to be visual and anyway the ideas are so powerful that they stand up without the language, which unfortunately is actually a barrier for a lot of people who can't get to grips with it."

David, however, doesn't think he will embark on a career as a film producer now. What he really wants is to broaden his appeal as a screen actor. He was in Octopussy not so long ago, and enjoyed that immensely. "Some contrast in budget, of course," he remarks ruefully. "But I discovered that, despite that, all films are made in exactly the same way. If it's British, it's a triumph of hope over experience, however much money you have."

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: Actors: **David Jason**, 45, **Farrah Fawcett**, 39, and **Elaine Stritch**, 60; **Lord Blanch**, former Archbishop of York, 67; **Andrew Davis**, artistic director, and chief conductor, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, 41; **Les Dawson**, comedian, 52; **Norman Fowler**, Secretary of State for Social Services, 47;

TOMORROW: the Earl of **Antrim** (Viscount Dunluce), keeper of conservation, Tate Gallery, 50; **Shelley Berman**, comedian, 59; **Michael Dickinson**, National Hunt trainer, 35; **Jeremy Kemp**, actor, 50; **James Michener**, author, 78; **Bobby Simpson**, cricketer, former captain, Australia, 49; singers: **Val Doonican** and **Frankie Vaughan**, both 57

MONDAY: Actresses: **Pamela Franklin**, 35, and **Ida Lupino**, 67; **Hylda Baker**, comedienne, 77; **Alice Cooper**, rock singer, 37; **Russell Hoban**, author, 60; **Erich Leinsdorf**, conductor, 73;

TUESDAY: Professor Sir **Alan Hodgkin**, master, Trinity College, Cambridge, 71; **Frank Muir**, writer, broadcaster, 65; Professor **Alan Neville**, principal and vice chancellor, Dundee University, 62; Sir **John Pritchard**, conductor, 64; **Charlotte Rampling**, actress, 39

WEDNESDAY: **Ronald Reagan**, president, United States, 74; actors: **Zsa Zsa Gabor**, 66, **Gavie Hunnicutt**, 42, and **Patrick Macnee**, 63; **Claudio Arrau**, pianist, 82; **Louis Heren**, journalist, 66; **Denis Norden**, writer, broadcaster, 63

THURSDAY: **Dora Bryan**, actress, 61; the Earl of **Harewood**, managing director, English National Opera, 62; **Gareth Hunt**, actor, 42; **Peter Jay**, writer, broadcaster, 48; **Alan Lancaster**, of Status Quo, 36

FRIDAY: **Jim Capaldi**, rock singer, 41; **Osian Ellis**, harpist, 57; Dr Sir **Immanuel Jakobovits**, Chief Rabbi, 64; **Jack Lemmon**, actor, 60; **Lana Turner**, actress, 65;



DEAN : feeling the draught — picture by Garry Weaser

A big sister of substance

IN THE highest traditions of its craft, the Daily Express thus recorded the election as the next general secretary of the print union Sogat 82. "A pretty, platinum blonde became Big Sister to 225,000 trade union members — and were the brothers pleased!"

"I don't get up-tight over that sort of thing," she said. "I believe in the old adage of not trying to chase the shadows and losing the substance. I would get more upset if someone distorted an industrial dispute rather than a trivialising report like that. It doesn't harm the union and that's my main concern."

She was secretary of the union's Manchester branch for 14 years before being elected president in 1983. She started work as a 16-year-old office secretary. One day she was asked to take notes at a union meeting. "I was bored to tears with my work. I am sure if something else had come along I would have considered it. I never thought 'One day I will become general secretary'."

The bulk of Sogat members work in paper making and general printing although the activities of its Fleet Street workers — only 10 per cent of membership — have attracted most attention.

Brenda Dean says that she wants to steer Sogat peacefully, without strikes. "One of the first lessons I learned is that if you earn £100 and you go on strike for two weeks, you need at least £6 a week more to make up the difference. Of course sometimes you have to take industrial action. I have been on flying pickets."

Last year she took charge of negotiations in the Times dispute, which halted production for nearly a month. "I was delighted," she said, explaining that she had been suffering withdrawal symptoms, chained to a desk at HQ in contrast to her mobile role in Manchester.

"For me the Times dispute was 'back to your tools.' On two occasions we almost resolved it: I had the distinct feeling that Mr Murdoch was running the dispute from a distance."

She has also crossed swords with Robert Maxwell, reporting him to his local Labour Party in Oxford East for his attempt to have Sogat assets sequestrated — even though he paid the union's £75,000 fine. "There is no personal vendetta against Mr Maxwell," she said, "but I find it an unacceptable double standard. He is always saying what a good friend he is of the unions. His action meant that our union could have been taken away from our members."

She sees difficult times ahead over new technology in Fleet Street, but points out that the cardboard box industry has been revolutionised without national stoppages. She also faces the continuing contraction of paper-making, which she ascribes to unfair energy pricing and international competition.

"When Bowaters in Ellesmore Port closed down last year the Fleet Street proprietors could have helped to save that mill by giving it orders. At the time the pound was standing high against the dollar, and since we buy paper and pulp in dollars, Fleet Street newspapers were making money against their budgets. It's now come full circle: we will feel the draught."

Manchester Guardian 1935

FEBRUARY 2: America has a new Messiah, and, like so many others, he comes from California. He is Dr F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, in that State, and he has a formula for immediately bringing about the end of the depression and guarding against any future economic difficulties. His scheme is known as the Townsend Old-age Revolving Pension Plan. Its operation, if you assume that it is economically feasible, is simplicity itself. He proposes a pension of £10 a week to every citizen, male or female, over sixty years of age, on three conditions. The first of these is that he shall withdraw from all remunerated work, the second that he shall not have been an habitual criminal, and the third that he shall promise to spend his entire monthly pension of £40 within 30 days after receiving it, and within the borders of the United States.

FEBRUARY 4: Mr George Robey, engaged by Mr Sydney Carroll to play Falstaff in the first part of Henry IV, is showing signs of worry— in so far as his face is capable of showing anything but flickerings of seraphic wisdom.

Mr Robey's dilemma is the simple one of the man, aged-old in one medium (for he has been almost 50 years a comedian), who has been asked to break new ground and with fresh, as yet unhandled, implements. Sancho Panza in the Pabst film of Don Quixote somehow "came easy," as he says. It was a straightforward piece of characterisation and there were no difficulties of learning long speeches, much of them, to Mr Robey's mind, of little meaning.

FEBRUARY 5: E. A. Montague: Jack Petersen lost his fight with Walter Neusel, of Germany, at Wembley tonight [February 4] and with it most of his hopes of the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. His father threw in the towel in the 11th round when nothing but Petersen's courage was keeping him on his feet.

The direct cause of his defeat was the reopening of the old cut over his left eye. This is now a chronic weakness and the eye was in such a horrible condition when tonight's fight ended that one wonders whether Petersen will ever fight again. A Max Baer or even a Steve Hamas would open it in the first round, and Petersen will run the risk of permanent injury, perhaps even of blindness, if he subjects it to any more hard punching.

FEBRUARY 6: Neville Cardus: Sir Donald Tovey is reprinting the programme-notes has has written for his concerts in Edinburgh.... Here is the finest writing on music achieved in our time; it is writing that penetrates a work and sees with the composer's thinking and conceiving processes....

... He manages to avoid telling the great composers how to compose (a duty that may safely be left to musical critics who operate farther south). Sir Donald's critical credo is summed up in these words: "There is only one way to understand an artist of Beethoven's range, and that is to assume that he means what he says, and that he has ample experience of the best way to say it.

"No music can be understood from a priori generalisations as to form," but "must be followed phrase by phrase as a process in time." Nothing more than that is needed for the study of every composition ever written; all "musical appreciation" is here — and none of the blarney.

FEBRUARY 8: The head of the National Scialist Racial-Political Bureau Dr Gross, admits in an article issued through the Propaganda Ministry that scientific teaching in the universities has to be subordinated to Nazi Doctrine if the two come into conflict. "The idea [by which is meant the Nazi idea] must remain clean," he states in explaining that the State recently found it necessary to remove Dr Saller from his lectureship at Göttingen University because his ideas on racial science differed from those of Herr Hitler and the party.

Dr Saller is a specialist in anatomy and anthropology who, it is stated had concerned himself with racial questions for years. . . . In 1932 Dr Saller is stated to have written:

"What Hitler or Rosenberg have said concerning the field of which I have some understanding — namely, the racial question, and especially the Nordic races — is rubbish."

Partners in time seeking life in space

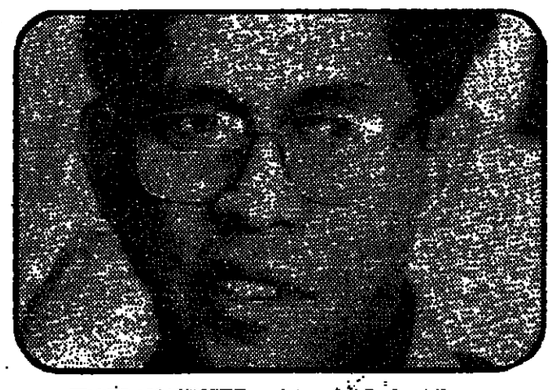
EVERY day 100 metric tons of cosmic debris are dumped into the earth's atmosphere. While mankind chases moonbeams in space, the evidence of life's origins stares us in the face, claims **Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe**. He has recently been able to study samples collected by Nasa's high-flying U2 aircraft.

Wickramasinghe (46) has long been campaigning with his partner, Sir Fred Hoyle, to persuade the scientific establishment that the spark plug of evolution came from space and that interstellar bacteria are the building blocks of life. Earth, they believe, is merely an assembly station. The latest evidence confirms a theory which they had deduced mainly by long-distance observation.

In 1982 Wickramasinghe was given police protection from religious extremists after giving evidence in the Arkansas "monkey trial". Confounding the expectations of creationists, he both damned the hated Darwinism and dismissed their argument as claptrap.

"I didn't deceive anyone," he recalled. "I told the Arkansas lawyers that I couldn't go along with them. But as I was the only scientist of repute among the witnesses, I think they felt they were going to score a legal point." They lost the case.

The partners' frequent cries of Eureka have fallen on deaf ears. "We have come to the conclusion that there is no freedom of speech in science. On technical grounds there is little argument, but very rarely is discussion permitted to take place in journals. Science journalists have taken on the role of policeman and referees.



WICKRAMASINGHE : picture by Graham Turner

Wickramasinghe, born in Ceylon, heads Cardiff University's department of mathematics and astronomy. He is the nuts-and-bolts section of the duo. "Fred does a lot of his thinking in the abstract. I am not so much of a free agent. I keep feeding him with all sorts of interesting things that he mulls over on his walks in the Lake District."

It has taken Nasa 20 years to lower its sights to the upper atmosphere, he laments. Even now the agency is reluctant to culture bacteria from cosmic dust — a hesitancy which, he believes, stems from the misconception that life originates in primordial soups.

"There's this curious contradiction of a desire to discover life outside Earth and an insistence when they find it that it isn't true, as in the Viking mission to Mars. Billions of dollars and millions of pounds have been mis-spent on conducting research for a theory that's defunct. Our work has been poorly supported except for university funding, yet we feel we have got billions of dollars worth of results."

People is written by Stuart Wavell

A bus that may run over Mr Ridley

Buses are accelerating into the political fast lane as the issue most likely to cause the Government parliamentary accidents during 1985. According to your taste, the Transport Bill published this week embodies all the Thatcherite virtues of vices in their purest form. To Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, the bill offers a nirvana of deregulation and open competition in local bus sevices, bringing lower fares, new service and better value. Road service licensing will be abolished, private operators will have an open day, the National Bus Company will be split up and privatised. Public subsidies will be cut at a stroke, at a £200 million saving, and replaced by a new consumer orientated mixed regime of coaches, double-deckers, minibuses and shared taxis. To its opponents, who already range from the Labour local authorities to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, with several stops en route, the bill sacrifices people for profit. It will mean a downward spiral in services, an end to concessionary fares, the abolition of cross-subsidy, the killing off of all but peak hour public transport and a licence for safety scorning cowboys.

Mr Ridley's bill will inevitably be fought out in ideological primary colours. But both sides have a serious case to put forward. On Mr Ridley's side there are the mounting costs of the present local bus system. Between 1972 and 1982, bus fares have risen by around 30 per cent in real terms. In the same period, car drivers' costs have risen by only 3 per cent. As a result, fewer people are now using buses: bus passenger journeys have fallen by almost a third in the same period. Revenue subsidy per journey has shot up almost twentyfold. In cash terms, subsidides to the bus industry have risen from £10 million to £530 million in a decade. Show those figures to Mr Ian MacGregor and he would have his scalpel out for an uneconomic business. On the other hand, large minorities of the population are highly dependent upon buses. Even today, 41 per cent of households have no car. Of these, 85 per cent are bus users. Particular groups in the population, those who are too young to drive and those who are too old, and women of all ages, are especially dependent upon buses to get about. Take the buses away, and they are all but imprisoned in their own neighbourhoods.

As befits a true political loyalist, Mr Ridley has bought the first set of arguments and has largely ignored the second. The result is that services will be sacrificed to savings all along the line. Any merit in, for example, the encouragement of shared taxis and minibuses will be swept aside in the unremitting cost cutting logic which is at the heart of the bill. It gives carte blanche to the lowest bidder. This means that even the existing profitable services will be slashed to the bone, leaving a skeletal network of peak hour services running on Mondays to Fridays only throughout those parts of the country where there is still sufficient economic activity to justify them. As for the half dozen pensioners in Little Dozing on the Wold who want to get into town from time to time, they can forget it. And, as the experimental deregulation schemes have already illustrated, safety standards could suffer into the bargain.

These are some of the reasons why the bill has already provoked a wide coalition of protest, wide enough surely to make Mr Patrick Jenkin think that his problems with the local authorities are little ones by comparison. Many Government backbenchers from the shires are already uneasy. The House of Lords, even in the last parliament, has assigned itself the role of defender of the nation's rural transport, and it can be expected to do so again this time. For Mr Ridley, recovering in his corner after a midweek backbench pummelling over Stansted, the prospect of another bruising 15 rounds on the buses must be enough to bring on thoughts of retirement. To have an accident-prone minister in any department is bad enough. To have one in charge of transport means it could be time to take him off the road.

Who shot down what, and why?

Then what did happen to the rogue Russian missile? And is it Mr Casper Weinberger who has flown off course, or the US Defence Department of which he is in charge? Thursday's Daily Express carried a circumstantial report that the cruise missile which "crashed" in Finland five weeks ago was not off course, as was said at the time, but had been wrongly programmed with a war plan to head from the Barents Sea to Hamburg. According to this account, the Russians scrambled their fighters and shot it down. Moreover they used a hot line to the Pentagon where American officials agreed to collaborate in keeping the details secret to avoid jeopardising the Shultz-Gromyko arms talks in Geneva. Assorted Western defence agencies spent a large part of Thursday rubbishing the Daily Express story, until late in the day Mr Weinberger the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Russians had indeed shot down their missile. Clarity at last? By no means. The Pentagon then put out a statement saying that when Mr Weinberger said the Russians had shot down a missile he "did not mean to imply" that the Russians had shot down a missile. It had simply "ceased to fly." No such verbal confusion has overcome the administration since the days of Eisenhower and Dulles, when yes by the one was clarified as meaning no by the other.

Mr Weinberger has an interest in impressing Senators with the power of the Soviet military machine, and used the shooting down of the missile as an illustration. But the Pentagon has an identical interest and must have had a cogent reason for contradicting its boss. This suggests that indeed there was some contact with the Russians about the incident which, for reasons of tact or diplomacy, should not have been revealed. Another explanation is that Mr Weinberger was referring to a different incident. He used the phrase "a couple of days ago" and the Finnish incident was on December 28. In either case the flat contradiction between the Secretary and his officials is of Belgranoid proportions.

Whatever the truth, both superpowers emerged from a potentially dangerous muddle with some credit. The Americans made little of it at the time (it could equally have happened to them) and the Russians apologised to Norway for the overflight of its territory. If indeed there was a hot link, a fact which the Pentagon might wish to conceal, then it worked. The remaining nicety, however, is that Mr Weinberger made his statement during testimony in favour of the Star Wars defence project. That project, even if it worked with ballistic missiles, is not designed to work with cruise missiles. If the Soviet missile had had a warhead (which by general consent it did not), and if it had been correctly instead of incorrrectly fired, not much would have been left of Hamburg on December 29. All Mr Reagan's lasers would have been unable to protect it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How green are the phoenixes?

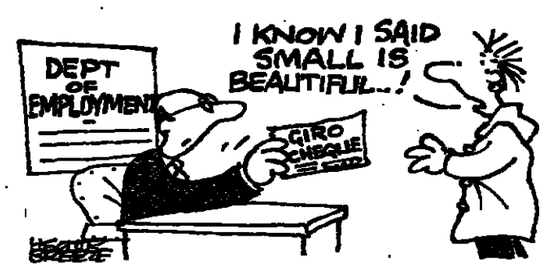
Sir, — As two long-term unemployed people, we read about guy Dauncey and The Phoenix Economy (January 28) with particular interest. We share Dauncey's revolt against "economism" and we find it offensive and degrading to have to label ourselves as unemployed. But, alongside another four million plus we are, and that almost certainly means being poor, cold, and our children not as well fed or housed as we'd like them to be.

The small-is-beautiful business sometimes seems less addressed to the wants and needs of people like us than the cosy fantasies of some of its usually employed, usually white, usually male, exponents. How are the people round here supposed to start a vegetable garden when they haven't got gardens; share a job when there aren't any decent jobs? And we'd rather give a miss to spending our time segregated in a drop-in centre for the employed.

We don't see low-paid home work for women as an alternative to the new economics. It's another of its ugly expressions. Tell us a bit more about the failure rate of small businessess and the heavy personal costs for many people taking them on.

The trouble with the new, supposedly alternative economy is that it frequently offers the illusion that there are alternatives for us — if we'd get off our seats and look for them — while leaving the massive political and economic forces that crush our lives and hopes, unstated and unchallenged.

We're all for a new society



that empowers people and enables new and equal relations between races and sexes, able-bodied people and people with disabilities. But don't let's pretend it can coexist on the quiet with Thatcherism. — Yours sincerely,
Suzy Croft.
Peter Beresford.
Battersea Community Action,
London SW11.

Sir,—It is a pity that Walter Schwarz's admirable articles (January 28, 29 and 30) on The Phoenix Economy, fall into the old trap of concluding that, because the political vision underpinning the emerging new economy can't be neatly classified as either Left or Right. . . "This new movement has no political platform. . . ." One can imagine that a similar reaction might have come from a sympathetic reviewer of Marx's early work who, puzzled because Marx's economics couldn't be conveniently pigeon-holed in Tory/Whig Victorian Britain, came to the conclusion that Marxism had no political base. In reality, of course, Marx's economics was part of a quite new political alignment that was to be the most potent agent for change in this century.

Exactly the same can be said for the new economics today. The political platform of which it is a part is still coalescing, but already the Green political parties have power or influence right across Europe. In this context, it is worth pointing out that The Other Economic Summit (TOES) was the brainchild of, and received its seed-money from, the Ecology Party, though it soon attracted wide support and commitment from non-party political quarters too.

Speculation as to the ultimate nature of the political coalition that will fully mount the challenge of the new economics is premature, especially in this country with its ossified political institutions and undemocratic electoral system. We can, however, be sure that such a coalition will be based on life interest, not class interest; will be global in perspective and locally effective, and will place a firm emphasis on personal development and social justice. It will be neither Left nor Right, but Green.—Yours faithfully,
Jean Lambert.
Ecology Party Council,
London SW 9.

Sir, — Congratulations on your Phoenix Economy series. The conducted tour of the new economy, though necessarily taken at a gallop, covered a lot of the ground. But I was appalled to read in the third article that "the only warmish sympathy for the new ideas we found among politicians came from Shirley Williams."

Did you approach any Liberals at all? Many of the new ideas described in the articles have been official Liberal policy for years and most of the rest are dependent on a political and philosophical approach which is entirely consistent with Liberal thinking.

The Liberal Ecology Group was founded in 1977 and has several MPs among its growing membership. In Seeing Green, Jonathon Porritt wrote: "Of all the political parties . . . the Liberals are the most likely . . . to move towards the green position." We have, in fact, already moved a long way in that direction, as will be shown at a Green Briefing to be held on February 16, when David Steel will be one of the speakers.

You quote Shirley Williams as saying she is in the business of teaching her own party about such matters. We hope she succeeds. — Yours sincerely,
Tony Beamish.
Liberal Ecology Group,
London SW1.

The bon coeur and the bon mots of James Cameron

Sir,—All readers of the Guardian, and many others too, will mourn the death of James Cameron, undoubtedly the finest chronicler of the human condition of this age. A great good man, our friend, will not again grace your pages.

On July 29 1980, the Guardian published a piece by James entitled "Heaven raiser," a deeply moving memory of his close friendship with our adored younger son Nicky, who had just died at the untimely age of sixteen. Generous, kind, honest, and passionate James ended with these words:

"One vigorous and questioning life has been untimely quenched and no one will ever know why. Now you are in heaven, Nicky, give 'em hell. Save a place for me."

Dear James has his place with Nicky now.—Yours,
Frances and David Bacon.
3 York Terrace West,
London NW 1.

Sir, — In 1970 I left the aptly named fiction department of D. C. Thomson in Meadowside, Dundee, vacating the seat once occupied by James Cameron, to move to the news sub-editors' table at the Scottish Daily Express in Glasgow, again following the path of the good man.

There the similarity ended. I maintained a warm and admiring interest in him from afar and five years later, on the night of the launch of the doomed Scottish Daily News adventure, I was fighting vainly for calm at the news that the man himself was on his way upstairs to wish our first-edition efforts well.

He entered abashed, surrounded by TV arc lights and local personages, hirpling beside the workers' co-operative leader, who nodded in my direction and turned Mr Cameron towards where I was subbing the first splash.

What was I to say? How to tell him, without fawning, of the years of pleasure and respect?

He nodded and grinned. "Aah, how do you do? I've been looking forward to meeting you for a long time." He said it so gently that I went on believing it for the rest of the evening. — Yours sincerely,
John Hodgman.
30 The Hamlet,
London SE5.

Sir, — As a journalist I feel grateful that the Guardian was so rightly generous in space and words in giving James Cameron his due as one of the very few whose life and work lent much needed lustre to our tatty profession.

About the only thing left unsaid was the inspiration he gave to colleagues, especially those lucky enough to share a newsroom with him, and many well-remembered conversations.

Just one anecdote (true) to add to his legend: we were ascending Bouverie Street from the News Chronicle office and he was visibly exhausted, just hours back from a Seato conference in Bangkok, a long plane-changing turbo-prop flight.

I ventured that he was born too late for his calling, a favourite theme of his, actually. Fifty years ago, I suggested, he would have caught a Pullman to Dover where the proprietor would have laid on a fast steam packet for his sole use, and from which he could cover the world in the comfort he deserved.

"Lovely" said Jimmie, "but what about the fast outlook and cart waiting at the other end?"

His perception was all, a genius of the riposte, and the second paragraph.—Yours,
Paddy McGarrey.
44 Crown Street,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk.

Sir,—My favourite Cameron story is the tale he told on return from a disillusioning trip to see Dr Albert Schweitzer.

As they walked along a jungle path deep in conversation, Cameron spotted a line of warrior ants crossing the path in front of them. Remembering the doctor's famed "reverence for life," he put a restraining hand on him. Schweitzer said, "Thank you, Mr Cameron," and both stepped carefully over the ant army.

A little later Schweitzer peeled a mango for his guest, but as James raised it to his lips, Schweitzer said, "Just a moment, Mr Cameron" and, with a slap on Cameron's forearm, obliterated a tiny insect crawling there.— Yours etc,
Ronald Harker.
53 Main Street,
Grassington, N. Yorkshire.

Sir, — May we (ppi) Pensioners for Peace International add our tribute to James Cameron. We are losing a great name and reputation in the cause of peace. Although we never met, through the media of correspondence I got to know James quite well. We were indeed privileged in being allowed to use his name as a sponsor of PPI.

I have been invited to Australia during March and it will be my personal privilege to pay tribute to James during that tour. —Yours in peace and friendship,
Jack Sheppard.
Pensioners for Peace International,
Great Malvern, Worcs.

Sir, — There must be many many more anecdotes about James Cameron, for whom so many of us grieve, than were recounted in Tom Balstow's excellent obituary and in the other pieces in the Guardian on January 28. Here is my own contribution.

Dining with friends and a rather pompous RAF officer about to retire, we fell to discussing this gentleman's future. (This seemed appropriate as industrial psychology is my subject.)

After the discussion of various possibilities, this man said: "Thought I might do a bit of writin' — you know, the sort of thing you do Jimmy." James — I never felt I could call him Jimmy — nodded sagely and after seemingly deep thought said: "Yes . . . yes . . . thought of brain surgery?" — Yours faithfully,
D. Mackenzie Davey.
16 Kent Terrace,
London NW1.

How Britain is falling into disrepair

Sir,—A number of recent reports have identifies the appalling shortfall in expenditure on the public building infrastructure.

These include the Audit Commission review on non-teaching costs in secondary schools, the National Economic Development Council report on investment in the public sector built infrastructure, and still more recently the preliminary report of the National Federation of Housing Associations chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh. They all identify a growing and rapid deterioration of the public building stock.

My institute, which is the only body whose members deal solely with the maintenance and mnnagement of the public building stock, has first-hand knowledge of the situation which has arisen over recent decades. Its own findings confirm the well-researched views of these other organisations.

Our training courses, seminars, and conferences have been instrumental in substantially improving the efficiency with which public authorities maintain their buildings, both via private contractors and directly employed labour.

I believe the general public should be made aware of how its investment, by way of central and local taxation, is being allowed to deteriorate — in some cases, beyond economical repair — because of the progressive cuts in Government funding. These assets will either be lost; or at least, need a higher investment of public money at some future date.

Why then not inject the needed money now to maximise the use of financial resources and to employ the many thousands of skilled building craftsmen who are currently unemployed? Local authorities already have capital receipts which could be used to fund these works.

The policy seems to be to save now, pay a higher cost later.—Yours faithfully,
Winston Fear.
The Institute of Maintenance and Building Management,
Farnham, Surrey.

Sir, — The Government's proposals for means-testing and cuts in home improvement grants will hit not only the average home-owner, but also the private tenant, housing asociations and co-ops which cater for people who fall outside both central and local government housing policy.

The plan to replace home improvement grants with loans does not guarantee that the value of the present home improvement grants will be transferred; it will increase the burden of local council administration and the building industry will suffer further unemployment.

Cut-backs in home improvement is a false economy when Britain has one million unfit dwellings in the private sector, and a further 1.2 million in disrepair. One-third of public and private housing was built before 1919: cuts now will double or treble costs in following years. — Yours,
Nolan Walsh.
27 Rona Road,
London NW3.

Miscellany at Oxford

Sir, — I note the Conservative election agent thinks Oxford was foolish not to give an honorary degree to Mrs Thatcher. He reminds us these were the people who said they wouldn't fight against Hitler. The best academics always learn from their mistakes. — Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Birkett.
Dundee.

Sir, — 30.18 per cent of Oxford dons — 319 votes out of 1,057 — votes for Mrs Thatcher to get her doctorate, and it's called a snub: 30.84 per cent of the British electorate votes for her in a general election (1983) and it's called a landslide. Of course, Oxford isn't split into 650 constituencies: or maybe it's that magic 0.66 per cent extra that does it. — Yours sincerely,
L. Raphael.
Kilmaurs, Strathclyde.

Sir, — I hope that we at Leicester University will be offering Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree. There is quite a large sum of money that the University Grants Committee will not be giving to Oxford University next year, and we could make good use of it. — Yours faitrfully,
Anthony Matthew.
Leicester.

Sir, — The decision of the Oxford dons not to grant Margaret Thatcher a degree is typical of the narrow, unimaginative, self-centred, ungenerous, and purblind attitude of an institution that is happy to grant such honours to nonentities, Harold Wilson and Ted Heath, yet hasn't the generosity to reward the strongest Prime Minister this century, who will also go down in history as one of the most radical.

And that is the trouble, isn't it? Maggie is too uncomfortable to live with. She nonetheless deserves better treatment than this, and the Oxford decision will be treated with contempt by millions of citizens including those who, like myself, have not voted for Margaret Thatcher, but will now consider doing so. — Sincerely,
Roy Hill.
Guildford, Surrey.

Pro arte

Sir, — Who's Who tells us that the favourite pastime of Brian Sedgemore, MP, is "sleeping on the grass." His article (Agenda, 28 January) attacking Ilea's proposal to set up the London Institute reveals an ignorance of art education so profound that I am convinced he must have been indulging in his hobby of late.

So much of his article is wildly inaccurate and uninformed that it would be tedious to rebut each assertion, whether silly or merely wrong. However, it is a matter of fact, not opinion, that over the last 2½ years Ilea's Further and Higher Education sub-committee has conducted the most widespread, and radical review of higher education ever held in London.

Individuals, groups, local and national bodies, as well as London MPs were invited to comment at every stage. The particular proposal to establish the London Institute emerged over a year ago as a genuinely innovative idea out of this consultative process.

At this point, rising from his Hackney lawn, Mr Sedgemore chose to attack with more gusto than good sense a proposal which had already attracted an enormous degree of support. I find it surprising that an MP should skulk silently and anonymously in and out of public meetings that were discussing the plan. Odd that anyone, other than a cub reporter, should invest sinister meaning in remarks taken from the official transcript of a 2½ hour meeting that were giving a practical illustration of the benefits the institute will bring to fine art teaching in London.

It is an indication of his intention, that he never chose to get in touch with political colleagues at County Hall. It is much simpler, after all, to let others do the thinking, consulting and planning.

No-one, least of all Ilea members, hard-presser by rate-capping, would want Brian to sit up into the small hours in Parliament, defending London's education, if his heart is not in it. That is properly a matter between his conscience and his responsibility to his electorate.

Meanwhile, those of us with the energy, and perhaps even a little vision, will get on with the hard work involved in making the future of art education in London secure. — Yours sincerely,
Neil Fletcher.
(Chair, Ilea Further and Higher Education Subcommittee),
London SE1.

Law less

Sir, — As you describe (January 30) the latest Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee and Law Society annual reports express their concern at the imminent prospect of up to half of the UKs 54 law centres closing down. Such are the likely consequences of the Government's policies towards local government.

On the same page, you run the story of a further £50 million Government clawback from the Greater London Council, an action which brings ever nearer the day when the money runs out to run the services in many inner-London law centres.

The Law Centres Federation has consistently explained to the Government since the Abolition and Rates Bills were first mooted that they would have dire unplanned consequences for our services and for other innovative community schemes in depressed areas. For example, the likelihood of many of our law centres' users — disadvantaged and mostly dependent on unskilled or semi-skilled work for employment — being able to travel any distance for work by train or bus in 18 months' time seems minimal.

Without some changes in the plans, we estimate that we will lose 20 to 30 per cent of grant income between 1984/85 and 1986/87. Our colleagues in the Citizens' Advice Bureaux, housing aid, and neighborhood advice networks are in a similar plight.

Several schemes will probably close altogether; others reduce their services. Most of Britain's poor and disadvantaged are denied adequate legal services — only one person in 10 lives where they can use a law centre at present — yet some two million of the six million people currently able to visit a law centre are likely to lose the facility soon.

Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker has publicly stated his wish to listen, and we hope to put our case to him soon. If the Government continues to talk of protecting worthwhile voluntary endeavour while refusing to amend its plans, services publicly endorsed by both Government and its advisers will shut down.

Legal, housing and general advice and assistance are essential provisions in a modern democracy, especially in a time of recession.

Time is running out. We do hope ministers will pause for thought before it is too late. — Yours sincerely,
Brian Baker.
Law Centres Federation,
London, W1.

Falling foul of City slickers



Sir, — How welcome it was to read Christopher Huhne's article on the irrational and damaging activity of our foreign exchange operators. (Financial Guardian, January 29).

To listen to our political leaders and economic experts, one would imagine that the "market" to which they constantly refer is an all-seeing single being of immense wisdom and financial awareness, alert to every insignificant commercial event that daily occurs, as it sells sterling buys dollars, covers forward, takes an option, or any combination of these in any major currency.

In our long-term interests perhaps it would be as well if we, on the outside, could take as detailed a look at the "market" as it purports to do on a daily basis at our miserable attempts to create and build a healthy, economic society.

Maybe we would discover a world where responsibility is the taking of any mean advantage, where long-term benefits to a nation's economy is cheerfully ignored to make an extra 1/16 per cent; where fiction as to what is happening in the real world is substituted for fact to justify a massive switch from one currency to another to create a speculative margin.

The true "market" might be seen merely to be the modern equivalent of the "bookie's runner", but on a scale so enormous that it is immensely damaging to the efforts of those who, outside this strange world, try to create real wealth.

But I suspect that it will remain unchecked because any substantial investigation might truly expose the myth of the City's contribution to our economy. — Yours, etc.
T. J. Carty.
48A Ventnor Drive,
London N20.

Over the top

Sir, — I should like to make it clear that the agency midwife involved in the epidural tragedy at Newham (Guardian, January 31) wisely refused to give the top-up because she had not been trained to do so. Though NHS cuts force hospitals to fill gaps with agency midwives, and there is thus lack of continuity in care and failures in communication between staff, in this case the correct protocol was followed.

Safeguards cannot be good enough if even the occasional woman gets accidental spinal anaesthesia. We want to be assured of better safety procedures. It is frightening that a woman can be offered pain relief at the expense of her own health and life and the life of her baby. — Yours sincerely,
Sheila Kitzinger.
Standlake, Oxfordshire.

100 times No

Sir, — I worked at GCHQ, Cheltenham, from 1959 to 1971 until my conscience would no longer allow me to continue with the prevailing orientation. In late 1980, when I was being re-vetted, I had an experience similar to that of Anne Cunningham's referee (cf., Letters, January 26).

The retired army colonel who interviewed me asked whether I did not think it deplorable that such an eminent person as Lord Bertrand Russell, (philosopher, mathematician, etc.) should be involved with the Committee of 100. My answer to that was to ask him on what grounds he considered himself worthy to question the deeds and motives of such an eminent man. Surprisingly, I too was allowed to retain my positive veting clearance.
David Bensy.
Handsworth, Birmingham.

A COUNTRY DIARY

BATTERSEA PARK: The freeze was lingering. Here the lake retained enough ice to support squalling groups of river gulls, walking like the stiff-legged marionettes. Some shovelers kept to themselves in a bay where the ice had been broken and they could swim around. Moorhens pattered along the banks, while the coots swithered between ice, water or earth. The island presented a bleak aspect, with trails of smoke circling from it. The old willows have been felled: all have been found to be suffering from disease, decay, instability or the ravages of age. An 1846 Act of Parliament started the creation of this park from the marshes of old Battersea Fields, helped with the soil removed from the extension of Victoria Dock. Now it is an area of surprising charm and variety. The magnificent avenues of mature planes, giving an impressive experience of the power of massed trees, wind through different habitats designed for man and beast. The unusual is catered for in large aviaries of birds from other countries, dazzling reds and blues in the winter greyness. The strongest native colours are the new forsythia and the faded tangerine of the remaining willow trees. Even the evergreens seemed to be tired of the cold, especially in comparison with the fresh green of the daffodils. By the river there was no protection form the east wind swooping off the water to tear through our coats. We went along to the pagoda that is being built by a group of Japanese Buddhists. The top piece was being lowered into position, an oriental extravagance of gold and blue delicately manoeuvered by a tall crane. When the building is finished, another marvel will be started and we will be able to savour a Japanese garden.
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WEEKEND SPORT

Kindling the home fires

Frank Keating sees more hope than most for England against France today

FOR ALL their talk — and there's been enough of that — I fancy the beleagured England rugby team are better off opening their International Championship campaign against the runaway favourites, France, at Twickenham today than they would have been facing the petard-hoisting Irish on their own green patch a fortnight ago.

Ireland's eccentric decision to prove their determination to run the ball by refusing to pick any sort of goalkicker might have set them out of the traps with such unholy vigour and vim that yet another brand new English team could have been swept aside and left for dead in the touchline snow before they had time to introduce themselves.

When the postponed match takes place in the spring the Irish might have had reality imposed on them. They might also have forgotten that dismissive libe about Ireland's revolutionary new tactics from the English coach, Dick Greenwood, who said you could not make that nation change overnight with a brain transplant. They get touchy about statements like that over there — or rather, the Irish press are for ever writing quaint and furious leaders about the like.

Nevertheless, I cannot recall any coach more quote-happy than Greenwood. He cannot stop promising the most unlikely scenario: and then all is gloom and doom in the hearsay.

Greenwood has the midweek touch of an Isthmian League manager before the third round of the FA Cup. Each of England's recent and woeful run of results has been prefaced by outpourings of optimism. Every new team Greenwood is given — he has had 51 new players in less than a year — is certain to hold the finest attacking potential he has ever come across.

Greenwood's Jesuit training at Stoneyhurst, where he is assistant bursar, should have taught him all about cool, considered intellectual rationalities, yet he spouts fire and brimstone like a pulpit-preaching Dominican.

Yet I feel in my bones — and agree they are the same bones that ossilated when I thought Colin Jones would win in similar circumstances a fortnight ago — but today might just be Greenwood's day.

Greenwood's Englishmen cannot lose — in as much as they can only lose badly. France should win by a street, but anything approaching a decently hearty performance by England and thereafter it will be downhill all the way to the Triple Crown.

The things they were going to do even to Romania! After the game Dodge, England's lugubrious player's player captain, said most of his team would rather play away from Twickenham, the braying crowd got on their backs so. That was pathetic — the middle classes are just bursting to open their hip flasks in whooping celebration: drowning sorrows is only natural when the rot sets in after the build-up both coach and captain invariably promise.

There have been, for the first time I remember, less strident growls and threats this time. The whistling to keep up spirits has been more realistic in the face of the formidable hurdle presented this afternoon by Blanco and his Allez cats. Mumbled Dodge yesterday: "Don't expect us to attack from our own half this time."

Greenwood insisted on the same thing, though, bless him, he could scarcely stifle that dear last glimmer of optimism. "Though we cannot rely on it, the French have one weakness, which is their capacity to beat themselves."

Such clutching at straws might yet have Greenwood coming up at last with the long one. Jean-Pierre Rives, the gallant captain who dispelled all France's historical trepidation of Twickenham, has retired. This is their first Championship match without him. His long lieutenant Joinel is also missing.

It may well be closer than you think. Certainly, you could sense the fiercely heroic atmosphere of defiance, however dulled, yesterday as the England team dribbed and drabbed down to the newspapers of gloom and their grape and nuts breakfast in their Richmond hotel. Last night around the flickering video screens like monochrome bonfires, I fancy there was a touch of determined Agincourt about their insomnia.

How things have changed. This team has been two days and a few weekends cloistered in their hotel alone. When I first went to Twickenham as a schoolboy in the 50s as likely as not we would travel to the ground in that little lunchtime rattler from Waterloo in the same carriage as some of the team, their boots over their shoulders and reading the possibilities in the first edition of the evening newspapers.

By chance last week in a musty junk shop in Marlborough, I came across a book published by England's captain of 60 years ago Dr R. Cove-Smith — aptly named and I bet not banned from playing thereafter. He begins with "General Considerations" and writes "There is much too great a tendency to regard Rugby as a spectacle rather than a recreation. It is all wrong. Numbering of players, selling of programmes and general commercialisation are things to be deprecated... how many times does one pray to be delivered from one's friends, the press and the public?

"'O save us from our friends' is a very necessary petition... our match against South Africa in 1924 developed into a ding-dong struggle and ended in a draw at 3-3. From the players' point of view it was a great game — a hard-fought tussle with many points of good technique; yet in the papers subsequently there was a long letter couched in no uncertain terms from a gentleman who complained bitterly that he had travelled 500 miles and paid a guinea for his seat only to see an unspectacular game And he seemed to think it was the players' fault."

It will be very good to welcome again a Cornishman into the national side in the not inconsiderable shape of Chris Martin as the last line of attack. He could well take on Frank Bruno. He is 6ft 3in and a little under 15 stone. For certain this afternoon he makes his opposite number, the incomparable dusky Blanco pale into pygmy size.

He plays now for Bath but all Penryn will be crossing fingers for Martin. They know all about full-back play there and have had a long litany stretching back into the mists past Bodmin from Graham Bate and Roger Hosen.

In the late 1880s Billy Halls, who tackled like a Zennor donkey, could also kick prodigious lengths. In 1884 the weekly magazine Answers offered a £5 prize for the longest rugby kicker. It was open to the entire United Kingdom. Billy won it with a kick of 79 yards, 30 inches.

If Martin has a "Jarrett" today he should get the full treatment, just like another illustrious local did in 1956. Vic Roberts came back from Twickenham one day to find the town council making him honorary freeman of Penryn "for being a person of distinction, whereby he has brought the name of the town to the attention of the nation."

Martin's Ma and Pa will be in the West Stand today. He will feel quite at home, unlike poor Bert Solomon, one of Cornwall's finest ever. Bert played only once for England — against Wales in 1910, the year Twickenham was opened — and then moodily declined all further selections because he felt so shy in the company of haughty public schoolboys who made up the rest of the side.

So Bert was one of England's early one-cap wonders. Let's hope Chris Martin is not another. But there are a lot of them about these days.

Matthew Engel in Kanpur

Dual jewels in the crown

CRICKET

THE INDIANS yesterday managed a kind of revenge for the humiliation their bowlers suffered in Madras by batting throughout the second day of the Kanpur Test and reaching their highest-ever total against England, 525 for seven, at the close. They also had the pleasure of a unique moment in cricket history when Mohammed Azharuddin became the first player to score centuries in each of his first three tests.

The occasion was watched by one of the largest crowds ever seen at Green Park, almost 40,000. But at least until Shastri and Kapil Dev began smashing the ball to all parts in the later stages, it was not a day to encourage the locals away from favoured pastimes like navel-contemplation, nor even a day with which the Indian team could be especially pleased.

They could not score fast enough, early enough, to get England to the crease last night, and will probably have to bat on into the third morning, giving them less than three days to bowl England out twice on a pitch that still looks very easy indeed. And that all happens tomorrow. Under the strange Indian pattern, the rest day again came after two days, which is rather like having the intermission with Duncan still king or Lear compos mentis.

England now can only lose or save the game, and they have already suffered through two major innings, first from Azharuddin, who finished with 122 and then from Dilip Vengsarkar, who made 137. The two innings were not dissimilar in character. Both took six hours for a hundred, both batted elegantly, often inventively. both might be open to criticism for not going quicker though it would be harsh, as much of England's bowling and almost all the ground fielding was very taut, even though the chaser-in chief, Fowler, was absent all day with a stiff neck.

The Kanpur scoreboard has a little gimmick of big 'M' which lights up every time a malden is bowled There have been several Tests here when there has been nothing else worth watching. And Edmonds kept getting it lit through the afternoon session.

But the two centuries had very different effects in the England fielders. When Azharuddin got his, in the fourth over of the morning, they applauded with unusual warmth, Gower slapped him on the back, and the crowd invasion consisted of two tubby children, who were led away in an avuncular fashion by one of the 4,000 police drafted in for the occasion. This was not a moment anyone wanted to spoil.

Vengsarkar's century was received in the most perfunctory manner by England. He has been at silly point and in the thick of all the contentious bat-pads this winter and the much older youth who ran on to congratulate him was taken away by an altogether fiercer-looking copper in a manner that suggested he was about to help with their enquiries.

Azharuddin also received a message from Rajiv Gandhi ("We are all very proud of you") and, more tangibly, promotion from the bank in Hyderabad where until a couple of months ago he was regularly behind the counter. From now on, he will probably be signing more cheques than he processes. A star is born.

The two centurions were helped along at first, because England did not make especially good news of the new ball. It was Cowdrey who eventually removed Azharuddin when he whipped him straight to the substitute Ellison at mid-wicket. Cowdrey's only success of an over-long spell. In the first five sessions of the match, England took one wicket each session. Azharuddin's dismissal was the morning consolation. In the afternoon, there was Malhotra, who was given lbw by Umpire Ramaswamy (the first Indian specialist bat to be lbw all series) sweeping Pocock, who was promptly taken off.

Then, as on Thursday, when the game veered back towards England in mid-afternoon, India regained the initiative. Shastri marched to the crease—Shastri at No. 7, for heaven's sake—with either instructions or a mind to set about the bowling. He was dropped by Foster at long-on for five and generally batted closer to his six-sixes-in-an-over mode of the Ranji Trophy than his no-sixes-in-a-month-of Sundays manner of the Calcutta Test.

He made 59 off 79 balls. He really is a most gifted cricketer. However, it might have made more sense for India to have sent in Kapil Dev first. When Vengsarkar was caught behind off Foster, Kapil ultimately arrived, and his stand with Shastri realised 54 off nine overs. England began to look ragged all round, and there was an absurd moment after Kapil had thumped Edmonds for an offside four, following a bad ball and a Pocock misfield, when Edmonds kicked the bails off the bowler's stump. Umpire Reporter spoke to Gower, but Gower did not appear to speak to Edmonds.

There is always a danger of foul temper at this stage of the tour. After three months and umpteem cricket matches India can get very wearying, especially when it takes 40 minutes to get two fried eggs for breakfast. But England players under Gower get out of control now and again in a way which Bob Willis, for all his other faults, was quick to stamp on.

Edmonds had turned the odd ball, which for both him and England was a source of concern rather than pleasure. A few from Cowans had kept very low. It seems improbable that the wicket will be doing much before Monday afternoon at the earliest. The series is one solid batting performance away from England's grasp. But their rest day thoughts will be just a little troubled.

INDIA — First Innings
(Overnight 228 for 3)

M. Azharuddin c and b Cowdrey	122
D. B. Vengsarkar c Downton b Foster	137
A. Malhotra lbw b Pocock	27
R. J. Shastri b Edmonds	59
Kapil Dev not out	61
S. M. H. Kirmani not out	5
Extras (b 9, lb 12, w 5)	26
Total (for 7)	525

Fall of wickets continued: 277, 362, 457, 511.
Bowling to date: Cowans 33–9–88–2 (w 1); Foster 23–6–172–2 (w 4); Pocock 24–2–78–1; Edmonds 48–16–112–1; Cowdrey 21–1–103–1.



A COUPLE OF SWELLS . . . John Rutherford (left) and Roy Laidlaw complement each other perfectly

Top duet's record harmony

David Irvine on Scotland's half-back partnership of Roy Laidlaw and John Rutherford, together for a record 24th time against Ireland

LIKE whisky and water, or haggis and neeps, they are right for one another. Yet for a'w that, Roy Laidlaw and John Rutherford did not immediately commend themselves as an obvious half-back pair to the Scottish selectors. More than four years passed, after a game for the South district against the 1975 Australians, before they were finally united in the national side.

Today at Murrayfield where it all started, and against Ireland, the first side they met, the Borders' favourite twins will make their 24th international appearance in tandem; surpassing the record which some felt would never be bettered, by Barry John and Gareth Edwards for Wales from 1967 to 1972.

Though that famous Welsh pair's success spread far beyond their own frontiers, influencing above all the 1971 Lions in New Zealand, it is not inappropriate, I suggest, to speak of the Jedforester Laidlaw and Selkirk's Rutherford in the same breath. Particularly if you happen to be a Scot.

Remember that Edwards and John had several distinct advantages. They came together when still in their early 20s; they played for the same club, Cardiff; and they were components of several outstanding Welsh sides, winners of two Triple Crowns, no less, while they held office.

Yet comparing them match for match, their respective records are not so very different. In the 23 Edwards and John were together, Wales won 14 drew three and produced 53 tries. Laidlaw and Rutherford have assisted in 12 victories and two draws, helping to create 40 tries.

A good half-back partnership has always depended on a special, often undefinable chemistry. Many have worked briefly — Rex Willis and Cliff Morgan, Dickie Jeeps and Richard Sharp, Alex Hastie and David Chisholm spring to mind — but few have proved durable, whether through one partner's loss of form or selectorial impatience.

The Welsh selectors apparently never discussed splitting up Edwards and John. The same cannot be said of Laidlaw and Rutherford. Only last season Laidlaw found himself demoted for the final trial, so that Rutherford could have his club partner, Gordon Hunter, with him.

"I think it was then that the selectors really got an idea of what Roy is made of," says the former Scotland captain, Ian McGeechan. "He hadn't been playing well but he fought and won back his place. After that he never looked back."

McGeechan left the international arena just as Laidlaw, who had spent three years on the bench, was about to enter it. Now after almost five years watching the two halves together, he is relieved to find that the Scotland selectors "appear to know just how lucky they are."

He considers Rutherford to be streets ahead of any other current British fly-half and puts him in the same class as Hugo Porta and, in a quite different way, Mark Ella. "You can tell he's a great player by the time he always has at his disposal. That's the true mark."

Rutherford's first season in the International Championship was under McGeechan's leadership. "His basic strength then was his ability to break. If you told him to beat a player he would do it, never mind who it was. His one weakness was his kicking yet he made such an effort to improve that he is now second to none."

Laidlaw, McGeechan feels, complements Rutherford perfectly. "If he gets bad ball from his forwards he never puts John in trouble and, talking as a former fly-half myself. I know the sort of confidence that can give you." At the same time he regards Laidlaw as a threat in his own right.

"We saw a perfect example of that in Dublin last year," he recalled. "The Irish back row were worrying about what Rutherford might do and Roy, who is so quick off the mark, was off on his own for a couple of tries before they new what had hit them."

Steve Smith played in four Calcutta Cup matches opposite Laidlaw and admits that he thought him "rather ordinary" in the first but came to admire the little Borderer greatly, not least for the character he displayed on a difficult Lions tour in 1983 and his massive contribution towards last season's Grand Slam.

As to Rutherford, the former England captain shares McGeechan's view. "He never seems to run into people. Somehow he has this knack of keeping them off balance by using a late kink as they are about to tackle him. Then he's away again."

But Smith envies most the fact that the selectors have kept faith with the two, win or lose. "If only we had that sort of continuity in the England side. . . ." Many would agree with that.

Smith did manage nine games alongside Huw Davies, equalling a run Jeeps and Sharp had in the early 60s, but the longest sequence by an England pair this century is still the 14 matches shared by C. A. Kershaw and W. J. A. Davies from 1920 to 1923.

No one can say how much longer Laidlaw and Rutherford will stay together. But one is now 31 and the other 29. Both have already passed the age at which their famous Welsh counterparts retired. Yet their place in the annals of Scottish rugby is assured.

John Samuel in Bormio

'The knee' vs Hoeflehner

SKIING

TO DOWNHILL racers, the new Stelvio downhill course is like a Medici palace to the Venetians — something to love, fear, and preserve. "The Streif at Kitzbuehel and the Lauberhorn at Wengen are the most prestigious downhill courses in the world," the Italian men's racing coach, Bepi Messner, said recently. "But to me the Stelvio is more beautiful, more technical, more varied and more difficult."

Italians do not often talk of buildings or downhill courses in such terms — it is the sort of praise they reserve for their women folk or their motor cars. Tomorrow though the test of all this excellence comes with the men's downhill of the 1985 world championships. Unlike the Olympic Games course at Sarajevo where a dozen men could have won on a course damned universally as too featureless, there are two arch favourites — the Swiss Permin Zurbriggen and the Austrian Helmut Hoeflehner.

They are quiet, self effacing downhillers of the post-Klammer era, certainly post Bill Johnson, the likeable US braggart who swore he would win the Olympics — and did. Johnson since has fallen victim to his own desires to earn millions.

Like champions Harti Weirether and Steve Podborski before him, he has failed to summon the concentration and fitness for a new campaign after a summer of selling himself across the US.

Klammer at 31, is still good enough to make the final Austrian four — Hoeflehner, the Olympic bronze medallist, Antos Steiner, and the Wengen victor, Wirnsberger. But the betting is that it will be Hoeflehner's three victories out of six in World Cup this season against the Swiss. After Zurbriggen's amazing victory in yesterday's shorter Alpine combination downhill, only 19 days after a knee operation, in many experts' view it is now down to Hoeflehner against Zurbriggen.

It is a battle of the two major ski racing countries, a fight between a total specialist, Hoeflehner who took no part in yesterday's events, because it is paired with a special slalom next Tuesday, and an allrounder. Zurbriggen, who races downhill but trains for his other two specialities, special slalom and giant slalom.

He is a technical skier who on his day has beaten both Ingemar Stenmark and Marc Girardelli, the great turning specialist. Hoeflehner is a relatively late developer at 25. Zurbriggen, 22 next Monday, is in his fifth year and already the 1984 World Cup title holder on his all-round ability.

After that, the comparison grows closer. Both are from small, protective communities where the risk of an over-blown ego is limited. The parents of both have small pensions, and the boys were early taught a family role with an element of religion. Zurbriggen, required to ski in West Germany, Austria, the French Pyrenees and Austria again in the space of nine days, still found time to visit Lourdes. He went on to win Kitzbuehel twice, a feat only achieved previously by Klammer and Sepp Walcher, the 1978 world champion tragically killed in a ski accident last season.

Zurbriggen then damaged his left knee cartilage just before the finish of the second race. Most thought his world championship hopes finished.

On the following day "The Knee," the most famous knee in Switzerland by now, was operated on — two incisions, a torn cartilage repaired by orthoscopic surgery, a couple of days of traction, but intensive exercising of the rest of his body to maintain maximum fitness. By Wednesday he was setting up the fastest practice time on Stelvio's 3680 metres of 1 in 3 descent. The start is an awesome 63 degree slope.

Six jumps and 15 curves torture the fittest of bodies; Zurbriggen took the second jump with his heart in his mouth, waiting for the sucking tear that would probably mean the end of his racing career.

Nothing happened. "Then I attacked," he said. Yesterday he thought he was a bit slow. "I was astonished when I saw my time (2 minutes 00.36 seconds)". It beat his fellow Swiss Peter Luescher by two tenths of a second, and third placed Markus Wasmaier of West Germany by over a second.

The combined downhill is not quite the real thing. The start cuts out the first 200 metres which remove two of the most tigerish fangs on the course. In the downhill proper tomorrow speeds will be up to 85 mph through a set of curves which provide not the slightest respite.

The man whose skill and concentration looks best at the moment, Zurbriggen included, is Hoeflehner. He is a very relaxed kind of man, a great Beatles fan who at Long Beach grand prix last year enjoyed lunch with an English sounding fellow who wanted to know all about the skills and dangers of downhill as opposed to downhill racing.

Hoeflehner, the hero of Gumpenberg, near Schladming in the heart of Austria, was as helpful as he could be in hesitant but steadily improving English. An hour later he was told he was speaking to the one time Beatle George Harrison. He was in an agony before he found him again for an autograph.

Heinz Prueller, a leading Austrian ski journalist says of him: "He is a decent man from a decent family and nothing will change that, if he wins the title or not. The fact that he only started to win at Lake Louise in 1983 is simply due to the Australian system.

"You have about 14 outstanding downhillers going for 10 World Cup places and some simply leave their form on the practice track. That certainly was Hoeflehner's case. Once he showed he could win he relaxed and now you see the skier he is a great all-round downhiller."

Zurbriggen or Hoeflehner? One of the Swiss who can never be discounted? The Stelvio tomorrow decides.

WEEKEND SPORT : TWO

David Frost on England v. France

Mature French side likely champions

RUGBY UNION



BOB HESFORD . . . time to try some Bristol moves

France will start today as favourites not only to defeat England at Twickenham this afternoon but also to win the Five Nations Tournament which at last gets under way, following the postponement of its two opening fixtures scheduled for two weeks ago.

France have an experienced and well balanced side. They have the advantage of having played together on two tours, to New Zealand and to Japan, since the last tournament, and they outplayed Romania in Bucharest earlier this season. Their only newcomers to the tournament are Gratton, the wing forward, who was blooded in Test rugby in New Zealand in the summer, and Lavigne, the 30-year-old left wing, who was capped against Romania.

The French forwards may not be capable of dominance — though they did more than adequately in New Zealand and in Bucharest — but behind them Gallion and Lescarboura are thoroughly accomplished half-backs, the threequarters, who seek to create space rather than a maul, are a dashing set with real pace and sleight of hand. The full-back, Blanco, is a most gifted runner and passer in attack and counter-attack. More than that, Lescarboura is a superb kicker of the ball especially with drop-kicks and place-kicks. He was out of touch in New Zealand in the summer but returned to form against Romania.

Nor will the French greatly miss the leadership of Rives, who has been forced to retire from international rugby through persistent injury. Dintrans, his successor, and the only man ever to captain France from hooker, has been allowed to settle into the job in New Zealand, Japan, and Bucharest. He won rich praise from New Zealanders for his captaincy in their country.

What can England do against such an array of all-round talent? Eric Evans, an inspiring leader in England's Grand Slam year of 1957, used to say that if every man did his job in defence, no try could be scored. So England must cover intelligently and make every tackle instantaneous.

England could try to confront the French with the unexpected, like variations on the theme of mini line-outs. They should heel quickly from scrums so as to give space to the talented Andrew. Hesford and Harding should try some of their Bristol moves, especially those involving the blind-side wing threequarters. And every opportunity should be seized to unleash the attacking skill of Simms and the pace and guile of Smith and Underwood on the wings.

They are certainly not without a chance of bringing off an unexpected victory. Much will depend on the frame of mind in which the players take the field and on their ability to maintain their concentration and their effort throughout the match. One thing is sure: England will have no hope of winning if they give away as many penalties as they did against Romania last month.

England need not worry about their lack of recent match practice caused by the frozen pitches and snow. The cold spell caused a similar wholesale postponement of club rugby in France. What England should worry about is the athleticism and mobility of the French forwards and the pace the whole French side can set if given any leeway.

All logic points to a handsome victory for France. England are a team with considerable promise for the future. France are the team of the moment.

TWICKENHAM LINE-UP

ENGLAND		FRANCE
C. Martin (Bath)	15	S. Blanco (Biarritz)
S. T. Smith (Wasps)	14	P. Esteve (Narbonne)
P. W. Dodge (Leicester, capt)	13	D. Cordorniou (Narbonne)
K. G. Simms (Liverpool)	12	P. Sella (Agen)
R. Underwood (Leicester)	11	B. Lavigne (Agen)
C. R. Andrew (Nottingham)	10	J-P Lescarboura (Dax)
R. M. Harding (Bristol)	9	J. Gallion (Toulon)
P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester)	1	P. Dospital (Bayonne)
S. E. Brain (Coventry)	2	P. Dintrans (Tarbes, capt)
G. S. Pearce (Northampton)	3	J-P Garnet (Lourdes)
J. Orwin (Gloucester)	4	J. Condom (Boucau)
W. A. Dooley (Preston)	5	F. Haget (Biarritz)
J. P. Hall (Bath)	6	J. Gratton (Agen)
R. Hesford (Bristol)	8	D. Erbani (Agen)
D. H. Cooke (Harlequins)	7	L. Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan)

REFEREE : D. Burnett (Ireland)

David Irvine on Scotland v. Ireland

Dods the danger to Irish

IT MIGHT SEEM to be asking a miracle of Ireland, who failed to gain a point from their four championship matches last season, to start a new Five Nations campaign by beating the 1984 Grand Slam winners, and away from home at that, yet it is not difficult to find those who share the Irish coach Mick Doyle's belief that his side will beat Scotland.

With barely half their all-conquering side left, and their invincibility severely punctured by both Romania and Australia in the intervening months, Scotland's success last season — or so the Irish argument goes — is no longer relevant.

Irish optimism, one suspects, may be more strongly based on the damage they believe has been done to Scotland's morale by recent performances, plus the loss of key players, than any massive improvement of their own. Yet Doyle's confidence could prove infectious.

For their part, Scotland would be well advised to address themselves to the realities of the situation. It is one thing to be told that Ireland intend to throw the ball about; another to assume they will get the possession necessary to do so.

Even without Leslie and their first-choice props, the Scotland forwards should at least break even with a relatively untried Irish eight.

Campbell and Smith bring added weight and height to the scrum and line-out — Smith, a former basketball international, may be the antidote to Lenihan — in which Calder, Beattie and Jeffrey have more experience than Carr, Matthews and Spillane, the fifth Irish back-row combination to be used in six games.

Behind the scrum Laidlaw and Rutherford, in their record 24th game together, should enjoy an advantage over Bradley and Dean, not least when it comes to tactical kicking; and the other big plus in Scotland's favour ought to be seen should the match, as so many do nowadays, turn on penalties.

Though Kiernan landed three against the Wallabies, he is not a regular place-kicker, even with his club, whereas Dods, who will be doing the job for Scotland, has amassed 125 points in only 11 international appearances, 71 of them in his six games at Murrayfield.

The Scots can also take comfort from a look at Ireland's away record. Three championship victories in 10 years, albeit the last on their most recent trip to Edinburgh, hardly suggests they travel well.

My own feeling is that, though it could be as close as any of the last four the sides have played at Murrayfield — never more than two points separating them — Scotland will shade it.

MURRAYFIELD LINE-UP

SCOTLAND		IRELAND
P. Dods (Gala)	15	H. MacNeill (Oxford Univ)
R. Baird (Hawick)	14	T. Ringland (Ballymena)
K. Murray (Hawick)	13	B. Mullin (Dublin Univ)
K. Robertson (Melrose)	12	M. Kiernan (Lansdowne)
I. Tukalo (Selkirk)	11	K. Crossan (Instonians)
J. Rutherford (Selkirk)	10	P. Dean (St Mary's Coll)
R. Laidlaw (Jedforest, capt)	9	M. Bradley (Cork Const)
G. McGuinness (West of Scotland)	1	P. Orr (Old Wesley)
C. Deans (Hawick)	2	C. Fitzgerald (St Mary's Coll, capt)
N. Rowan (Boroughmuir)	3	J. McCoy (Dungannon)
A. Campbell (Hawick)	4	D. Lenihan (Cork Const)
T. Smith (Gala)	5	W. Anderson (Dungannon)
J. Calder (Stewart's-Melville)	6	P. Matthews (Ards)
J. Jeffrey (Kelso)	8	N. Carr (Ards)
J. Beattie (Glasgow Acad)	7	B. Spillane (Bohemians)

REFEREE : S. Strydom (S. Africa)



WINDSOR GROUP . . . The French training yesterday with Windsor Castle as a backdrop

ATHLETICS

John Rodda

End of Coke's run

ATHLETICS has lost its longest serving sponsor with the announcement that Coca-Cola and the International Athletes Club have parted company.

The IAC-Coca-Cola meeting was the forerunner of the spectacular invitational events begun at Crystal Palace in 1968. The parting of the two is the result of the direction in which athletics is moving, and the large financial packages which are now being offered to sponsors for a series of events. Coca-Cola wanted to remain as the independent sponsor of the end-of-season meeting, but under the new arrangements for advertising hoardings around the stadium this was not possible.

The IAC will be announcing soon that they have come to an arrangement with International Management Group to fund their meetings. The IAC have been allowed to make their own negotiations both with a new sponsor and with television, separate from the joint agreements being undertaken by the British Board and the AAA through Alan Pascoe Associates, who have already raised in excess of £3 million through sponsorship, over the next five years.

Zola Budd will have her first taste of English cross country running this afternoon when she takes part in the Southern Women's championship, as a guest competitor, at Chantry Park, Ipswich. Miss Budd has run cross country in South Africa but there the conditions were very different from those she will face this afternoon.

On her form indoors last week she ought to be able to cope with the hilly course and will probably look more at home in that environment than she does on a 200-metre track.

Paul Fitzpatrick on tomorrow's programme

Halifax go for revenge

RUGBY LEAGUE

The defeats in midweek of Bradford Northern and Widnes have possibly reduced the battle for the Slalom Lager Championship to five clubs—Hull Kingston Rovers, the current leaders, Oldham, Wigan, Leeds and St Helens.

Bradford and Widnes cannot be discounted entirely, and nor for that matter can Featherstone, Hull or Castleford. But the realistic ambitions of these clubs must now be to try to earn a place in the top eight and a consequent tilt at the Premiership Trophy.

Of the leading quintet, Hull KR, who won the title last season, look best equipped to survive what could prove a taxing and crowded end to the season and it will be a surprise if they do not win it, but they still have half their games to complete.

After the euphoria of their win last Saturday over Hull in the John Player final, Rovers will return to business tomorrow against Halifax, possibly without the assistance of that outstanding prop, Mark Broadhurst. They should collect two points but will remember with enormous respect the gruelling game Halifax gave them in the Player semi-finals.

Of the leading challengers the club with the worst problems at present are St Helens. They played their first match since New Year's Day on Wednesday and were well beaten by Castleford, their third defeat in the last four games, but more alarming than that is a crippling list of injuries.

Phil Veivers, who arrived with Mal Meninga, has suffered the cruellest luck for after playing his first match for seven weeks in Castleford, he is now excluded for two or three weeks at least with a broken hand.

Also out of the Saints side to meet Leigh are Holding, Arkwright, Liptrot and Platt while Gorley and Pinner are doubtful. Des Drummond, one of the finest wingers in either hemisphere, might play his first match since November when he broke an ankle, during which time Leigh have not won a game.

It will be surprising if Wigan do not attract a five-figure attendance for the visit of Castleford. Ten successive League wins, the sublime skills of Brett Kenny, the signing of the cultured Steve Donlan, and a pack in rampaging form, are just a few of the reasons why Wigan followers believe that their side will collect at least one pot before the season is out.

Hull have spent a recuperative week in Majorca after their Player final defeat and, refreshed presumably, will meet an Oldham side level on points — though having played three games more — with Hull KR. There should be an interesting clash here between the scrum-halves, Peter Sterling and Paul Taylor, colleagues at Parramatta in Sydney.

Tyre choice key to Vatanen's victory

MOTOR SPORT



VATANEN: Overcame penalty

The winner of the Monte Carlo rally, Ari Vatanen of Finland, said yesterday that his choice of tyres had given him the edge over Walter Roehrl. Vatanen overcame an eight-minute time penalty in a tricky mountain stage on Thursday night to power his Peugeot 205 Turbo to a five-minute 17-second victory over Roehrl, West Germany's four-time winner.

He said afterwards that tyre choice for the section over hazardous snowbound roads was critical. The wrong decision would have given the race to Roehrl's four-wheel drive Audi Quattro. "I finally opted for snow tyres with studs," Vatanen said. "I saw Roehrl, who chose mixed racing tyres, almost at a standstill. The expression on his face said it all."

The two had exchanged the lead three times during the six-day event.

CRICKET

Zaheer out on his own

Zaheer Abbas dominated a poor Pakistan batting performance on the first day of the touring side's three-day cricket match against Wellington yesterday. Zaheer, standing in as captain made 92 out of Pakistan's total of 217 for nine declared. At the close Wellington were 22 without loss in reply.

The next highest score after Zaheer's was 20 by Qasim Omar and Tahire Naqqash. Tahire had a hand in the most profitable partnership of the innings although he contributed only five runs to the 51-run eighth-wicket stand with Zaheer. Zaheer was out when he failed to get over the last ball of the first over after tea from the left-arm spinner Evans Gray, who finished with five for 68, and was caught at short extra cover.

Pakistan are ready to go to the West Indies early next year if England's projected tour is called off for political reasons. The Pakistan Cricket Control Board secretary Rafi Nasim said yesterday that the board's permanent representative in London had been sounded out by a West Indies representative about the possibility of such a tour.

Meanwhile yesterday, The South African Cricket Union denied reports that an unofficial Australian cricket team might tour the republic this year.

Lundgren shows the depth

TENNIS

Those constant, often embarrassing, comparisons which are made between Sweden's achievements and Britain's failures surfaced once again at Bramhall in the final of the second leg of the LTA Satllite Circuit yesterday, when Peter Lundgren defeated Jeremy Bates 6-2, 6-4.

The 19-year-old Lundgren, who also won the opening leg at Peterborough, may be ranked a modest 18th in Sweden whereas Bates, an experienced King's Cup competitor, is Britain's No 4, but it was his third victory in five meetings between the two.

The Swede's superior serve enabled him to enjoy control of the forecourt whereas, when Bates tried to attack, he was inhibited by the accuracy of Lungren's passing shots. "But Jeremy played well," said Lundgren. "It could be different next time."

David Irvine

WEEKEND FIXTURES IN DETAIL

CANON LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION
(3.0 unless stated)

Arsenal v. Coventry
Aston Villa v. Ipswich
Everton v. Watford
Leicester v. Chelsea
Luton v. Tottenham H.
Manchester Utd. v. W.B.A.
Norwich v. Nottingham Forest
Q.P.R. v. Southampton
Sheffield Wed. v. Liverpool
Sunderland v. Stoke
West Ham Utd. v. Newcastle

SCOTTISH CUP.—Second round replay: Spartans v. Inverness T.

F.A. TROPHY.—Second Round: Bath v. Cheltenham. Bishop Auckland v. Dudley Tn, Boston Utd v. Frome, Burton Albion v. Altrincham, Barnet v. Grantham. Dulwich H v. Wokingham, Frickley Ath v. Gateshead, Maidstone v. Worthing, Weldstone v. Wycombe Wdrs, Marine v. Enfield, Runcorn v. Scarborough, Harrow v. Staines Tn, Stafford Rngrs v. Bangor City, Telford Utd v. Fisher Ath, Welling Utd v. Merthyr T or Croydon. First round replay: Matlock v. Horden.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. — Chorley v. Goole, Grantham v. Macclesfield, Hyde Utd v. Horwich, Morecambe v. Mossley, Southport v. Rhyl, Witton Albion v. Buxton, Workington v. Gainsborough, Worksop v. Oswestry.

SEKROWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Carshalton Ath v. Bishop's Stortford, Epsom & Ewell v. Billericay, Hayes v. Hendon, Hitchin Tn v. Harrow, Leytonstone & Ilford v. Sutton Utd, Slough Tn v. Tooting & Mitcham, Barking v. Walthamstow.

SECOND DIVISION

Cardiff v. Middlesbrough
Carlisle v. Oxford Utd.
Crystal Palace v. Manchester City
Fulham v. Brighton
Grimsby v. Sheffield Utd.
Huddersfield v. Birmingham
Notts County v. Shrewsbury
Oldham v. Leeds
Portsmouth v. Charlton
Wimbledon v. Blackburn
Wolverhampton v. Barnsley

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Alvechurch v. R.S. Southampton, Bedworth v. Sheppard, Chelmsford v. Hastings, Crawley v. Willenhall, Folkestone v. Corby, Gravesend v. King's Lynn, Trowbridge v. Fareham Tn, Witney Tn v. A.P. Leamington.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Ballymena v. Ards, Bangor v. Portadown, Carrick Rngrs v. Linfield, Cliftonville v. Newry Tn, Distillery v. Crusaders, Glenavon v. Coleraine.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE.—Division One: Crook v. Tow Law, South Bank v. Billingham Syn, Whitby v. Ryhope.

SOUTHERN DIV: Addlestone v. Hillingdon, Andover v. Dover, Ashford v. Thanet, Basingstoke v. Salisbury, Cove City v. Gosport (at Gosport), Chatham v. Poole, Dunstable v. Dorchester, Erith and B v. Canterbury, Woodford v. Tonbridge.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Bideford v. Paulton Rovers, Chard v. Saltash, Chippenham v. Liskeard, Clevedon v. Taunton, Divizes v. Shepton Mallet, Melksham v. Exmouth, Minehead v. Clandown, Western Super Mare v. Bristol City.

THIRD DIVISION

Bolton v. Doncaster
Bournemouth v. Bristol Rovers
Bradford City v. Orient
Brentford v. Cambridge Utd.
Bristol City v. Walsall
Barnsley v. Rotherham
Gillingham v. Swansea
Lincoln v. Derby
Millwall v. Newport
Preston N.E. v. Plymouth
Reading v. Hull City
York City v. Wigan Ath.

FOURTH DIVISION

Chester v. Blackpool
Chesterfield v. Bury
Darlington v. Aldershot
Peterborough v. Torquay
Port Vale v. Hereford
Rochdale v. Tranmere
Swindon v. Mansfield

MIDLAND DIV: Aylesbury v. Banbury, Bridgnorth v. Oldbury, Coventry S v. Leics Utd, Dudley v. Sutton C, Forest Gn v. Redditch, Nuneaton v. Northwich Vic, Worcester v. Dartford.

GOLA LEAGUE.—Kettering v. Weymouth, Nuneaton v. Northwich Vic, Worcester v. Dartford.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Dumbarton v. Aberdeen
Dundee Utd v. Hibernian
Rangers v. Morton
St Mirren v. Celtic

TOMORROW
Hearts v Dundee.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v. Meadowbank
Clydebank v. Brechin
East Fife v. Airdrie
Forfar v. Clyde
Hamilton v. Falkirk
Partick Th v. Kilmarnock
St Johnstone v. Motherwell

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Albion Rovers v. Montrose
Arbroath v. Stenhousemuir
Berwick v. Queen of South
Cowdenbeath v. E Stirlingshire
Queen's Park v. Dunfermline
Raith Rovers v. Alloa
Stirling Albion v. Stranraer

FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Bristol Rovers v. Arsenal (2.0), Ipswich v. Portsmouth (2.15), Southampton v. Luton (2.0), Watford v. Reading (3.0), Oxford Utd v. Millwall (2.0).

Rugby Union

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES. — England v. France (at Twickenham, 2.30); Scotland v. Ireland (at Murrayfield, 2.30).
JOHN PLAYER "SPECIAL" CUP. — Third Round: West Hartlepool v. Moseley (2.15).
CLUB MATCHES. — Abertillery v. Aberavon, Birkenhead Pk v. Otley, Cardiff v. Ebbw Vale, Exeter v. Cheltenham (2.45), Glamorgan Wdrs v. Plymouth Albion, Haddington v. Boroughmuir (1.0), Halifax v. Morley (2.30), Hartlepool Rovers v. Durham City (2.30), Headingley v. Richmond (2.30), Hull & ER v. Middlesbrough (2.30), Llanelli v. Bridgend, Liverpool v. Sale (2.45), Lon. Scottish v. Leicester (11.0), Ldn Welsh v. Sth. Wales Police (12.0), Manchester v. Sheffield (2.30), Melrose v. Langholm (11.30), Newport v. Tredegar, Nottingham v. Northern, Nuneaton v. Bradford & Bingley, Orrell v. Broughton Pk, Royal High v. Hawick (11.0), Roundhay v. Driffield (2.30), Rugby v. Weston-s-Mare (2.30), Sth Glamorgan Inst v. Cross Keys (2.30), Swansea v. Bedford (6.0), Stewarts/Mel. FP v. Glasgow Acads (11.45), The Army v. Cambridge Univ (12.00), Vale of Lune v. Birmingham (2.30), Waterloo v. Coventry (2.45).

Rugby League

SILK CUT CUP.— Preliminary Round: Doncaster v Wakefield T (2.30).

TOMORROW

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP. — Featherstone R. v Barrow (3.30), Hull K. R. v Halifax, Hunslet v Workington, York (3.30), Oldham v Hull, St Helens v Leigh, Warrington v Bradford N., Widnes v Leeds, Wigan v Castleford, Second Division.—Batley v. Bramley, Blackpool B v. Rhoarn H (2.30), Bridgend Kelvidoc, Huddersfield v. Fulham (3.30), Mansfield M v. Dewsbury (3.30), Rochdale H v. Sheffield E, Salford v. York, Swinton v. Carlisle, Whitehaven v. Southend T (3.30).

Harlequins v. Metro Police (at Sloop Memorial Ground 2.30), Ldn. Irish v. Blackheath (2.45), Wasps v. New Brighton.

Hockey

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE. — Premier (2.45): Hounslow v. Richmond, Lesquis: Blackheath v. London Univ., Chesan v. Guildford, Maidenhead v. Reading, Mid-Surrey v. St. Albans, Old Kingstonians v. Oxford Univ., Purley v. Dulwich, Spencer v. Slough, Surbiton v. Hampstead, Teddington v. Cambridge Univ., Wimbledon v. Beckenham.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. — Broxbourne v. Westcliff, Fords v. Bluehairs, Harleston Magpies v. Cambridgeshire Nomads, Long Sutton v. Bishop's Stortford, Norfolk Wanderers v. Cambridge City, Norwich Grasshoppers v. Ipswich, Old Loughtonians v. Bedford, St. Neots v. Brentwood.

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE.—Bognor v. Fareham, Camberley v. Indian Gymkhana, Canterbury v. Anchorians, Eastcote v. Tunbridge Wells, Lyons v. Bournemouth, Oxford Hawks v. ELSEA, Trojans v. East Grinstead, Walton v. Chichester.

INDOOR.—Mercian Under-18 Championships (Crystal Palace 10-6.15).

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE.—Bristol v. Cheltenham, Bath Buccs v. Plymouth, Cricketers v. Taunton Vale, Glos C. v. W. Glos, Isca v. Swindon, Marlborough v. Firebrands, Worlands v. Bream.

SITACT LEAGUE.—Barford T. v. Redditch, Bournville v. Stone, Cannock v. Nottingham, Coventry MW v. Chesterfield, Harborne v. Olton WW, Pickwick v. N. Saints, S. Notts v. L. Westleigh, Stourport v. Khalsa. CLUBS.—RAF v. Southgate, Brawley v. Twise Hill.

SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS. — East (Felston, Sittingbourne); Midlands (Wolverhampton Race Course), West (Taunton School).

WOMENS TRIALS.—Wales (NSC, Cardiff).

TSB N-W LEAGUE.—Bowdon v. Heaton Chester CSO v. Aldelay Edge, Liverpool Sefton v. Cheetham Hill, Northern v. Brooklands, Preston v. Hightown, Warrington v. Bury, Wilmington Park v. Bebington, Young Muslims v. Southport.

GCL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.—Doncaster v. Appleby-Frodingham, Grimsby v. Rotherham, Lincoln v. Ben Rhydding, Sheffield v. Hudders-field, Sheffield Bankers v. Adel, Wakefield v. Leeds Corinthian, Welton v. Bradford, York v. Harrogate.

TOMORROW

HA CUP.—First National Rounds: Bowdon v. Cheltenham.
GCL YORKSHIRE CUP. — Quarter-final: Welton v. Bramford.

OCL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.—Leeds Corinthian v. Sheffield.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (1.45): Eighth finals: Army v. Middlesex (Officers Club, Aldershot); Cambs v. Dorset (Parkers Place, Cambridge), Lancs v. Staffs (Northern H.C. Great Crosby).

COUNTY (2.15): Glos v. RAF (Gloucester), Norfolk v. Lincs (N. Runcorn), Sussex v. Notts, Worcs v. Somerset (Kidderminster).

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE.—Hamestead v. Southgate, Hounslow v. Mid-Surrey. CLUB. Cambridge Univ. v. Acoustics, Surbiton Veterans v. Teddington Veterans (110th anniversary match (Long/Ditton).

WELSH CUP.—Quarter finals: Brigend v. UC Swansea, Llandudno v. Stephens, Whitchurch v. Cardiff Wanderers v. Colwyn Bay. OAU CHAMPIONSHIP. Quarter final: Durham v. Loughborough.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INTER DISTRICT INDOOR (Perth).

WOMEN'S INDOOR.—Southern Counties (Worcester, Slough), Midland Clubs (Alcester), West Schools (Taunton Sch).

WOMEN'S COUNTY.—Glos v. Hereford (Cheltenham), Kent v. Surrey (Polo Farm, Canterbury), Loughborough Univ. v. Warwicks (Loughboro), Northants v. Berks (Hatton Sch., Wellingborough), Norfolk v. Lincs (Woodrow Philips Park, Harwich), Sussex v. Essex (Hove C.C.).

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE. — British Polytechnics v. WRAF (Sheffield). WOMEN'S TRIALS. Wales (NSC, Cardiff).

Ice Hockey

HEINEKEN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Cleveland Bombers v. Durham Wasps (6.30); Fife Flyers v. Whitley Warriors (7.0); Nottingham Panthers v. Streatham Redskins (6.30); Southampton Vikings v. Dundee Rockets (6.0). Division 1: Crowtree Chiefs v. Cl Solihull Barons (6.00).

TOMORROW

Premier Division: Southampton Vikings v. Nottingham Panthers (6.00). Streatham Redskins v. Murrayfield Racers (6.30). Division 1: Murrayfield Racers (6.30). Division 2: Altrincham Aces v. Crowtree Chiefs (5.30), Bournemouth Stags v. Blackpool Seagulls (3.00), Deeside Dragons v. Glasgow Dynamos (5.30) Peterborough Pirates v. Richmond Flyers (6.30).

SOCCER DIARY

Patrick Barclay



Wireless and legless

When a new stand at the "Celtic end" of Rangers' stadium — in other words, the end occupied by Celtic supporters during Old Firm matches — was used by the green hordes for the first time, the home club had reason to be nervous.

Bomb threats had been received. Accordingly it was arranged that after the match a thorough search of the stand would be made, with specially-trained police dogs in attendance. A package was indeed spotted. Ominously, it contained a transistor radio, held together by rubber bands.

After checks it was declared safe for examination and found to be merely a shell, covering an empty half-bottle. Poking from the neck, round a corner, and up through the hollow aerial of the radio, was a straw.

The apparatus was photographed, and now features in instruction manuals issued to Strathclyde police, guardians of the law banning alcohol from Scottish football grounds.

THE FA of Wales will answer on Wednesday the vexed question of a permanent base. The candidates are Cardiff and Wrexham and, in fairness to both North and South, delegates will meet at a neutral venue — Birmingham.

SOMETIMES it's quicker by rail . . . as Harry Harris, the Daily Mirror's soccer supremo, should appreciate better than most.

One day last week Harris rang Martin Hardy, of the Express, and asked: "Are you doing the match tonight?" When Hardy said yes, Harris, a non-driver, requested a lift and, some hours later was duly collected in Fleet Street.

The pair set off and, chatting amiably through the spectrum of current topics, from Maxwell to the Mirror Train and back again, passed the time. At one stage Harris, glancing out of the window, said: "Are you sure this is the quickest way?" Hardy's assurance failed to convince him. Eventually, after much fidgeting, Harris could contain himself no longer. "You are going to Charlton, aren't you?" No, said Hardy, Watford.

The car stopped and startled North London commuters were treated to thesight of Mirror Sport's man-in-the-know fleeing for the nearest southbound tube.

EVERYONE who remembers Orig Williams, the legendary hard man of Welsh soccer, seems to do so with fondness.

The latest testimonial came from Chris James of Liverpool, who first encountered Orrible Orrig while watching Penmaenmawr. He barracked him, and was chased. A year later, as a naive 17-year-old schoolboy international winger, James faced up to Orrig and his defensive partner in crime, one Idris.

Early on James sped towards Idris, slipped the ball through his legs, and was up-ended. Orig publicly reprimanded his team-mate. This puzzled James, who knew Orig's reputation. Minutes later all became clear as the callow youth ran into a similar position, only to be despatched comprehensively through the air and into touch. Orig was booked for it but he had made his point to Idris. That was how it's done.

A STAUNCH Chelsea fan and striking miner, Robert Swift, wrote to the club from Edlington, near Doncaster, regreting that he had been unable to sell his usual number of lottery tickets during the strike. But, he added, could he still have his free match tickets, as recognition of past services?

The chairman, Ken Bates, replied that he had no wish to "support Arthur Scargill's attempts to bring down the government." He advised a swift drift back to work. "Then you will be able to buy your tickets."

Quite right too — Swift should have written instead to Pat Nevin whose support for the strikers and their families — "don't desert them now," implored the Chelsea winger amid a host of notables — was reiterated in yesterday's full-page advertisement.

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Robert Armstrong

Everton seek final re-run

SOCCER

Now that Everton have been given another home draw against unfavoured opposition in the FA Cup it is becoming more feasible to regard them as realistic candidates for the League and Cup double. The elimination of both Tottenham and Arsenal from the Cup ensures that neither will repeat the achievement that still gives London a unique place in the game's history.

While Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, and Liverpool all have a theoretical chance of success in both competitions, it is Everton who appear to possess the qualities of durability and consistency that could enable them to retain the Cup and win the championship for the first time since 1970. Many First Division managers agree that Howard Kendall's side are difficult to beat and even harder to catch once they have taken the lead.

Though Gray and Sharp may not be regarded as the League's most potent striking partnership, the Scottish duo are effective enough to have kept Everton on course for a target of 100 League goals this season. The team is strong all the way down the spine with Southall a pillar of authority in goal, Ratcliffe and Mountfield commanding in central defence, and Reid keeping the engine room nicely tuned while Sheedy scores goals.

Today they play host to Watford for a re-run of last season's FA Cup final. Neither Coton, McClelland, Blissett, nor Rostron were part of the 2-0 defeat at Wembley — their presence today should pose a more formidable threat. The fans can expect a hatful of goals if the last two games at Vicarage Road between the clubs are a guide. They ended in a 4-4 draw and a 5-4 win for Everton.

The fact that Everton have yet to make a postponed visit to Tottenham increases the pressure to build up extra insurance before the leaders meet. Watford are without Reilly who has a calf injury, but Barnes has recovered from an injured ankle.

Sheffield Wednesday at home to Liverpool, were tipped as likely champions by Lawrie McMenemy last weekend yet their inability to hold a 3-0 lead at home to Chelsea in a Milk Cup replay must raise doubts about their killer instinct. They have defeated all the top sides except Everton, which should in theory make them joint leaders, but their loss of points against middle-order teams low on quality and high on work-rate suggests the limitations of their high pressure style of play.

Liverpool, still an excellent outside bet for the title, restore Lawrenson to central defence following his recovery from a pulled hamstring. Gillespie, who performed solidly against Spurs in the FA Cup, must compete with Johnston or Walsh for the role of substitute, underlining the fact that no one has a secure place at Anfield. Wednesday name the side that drew with Chelsea.

Luton have failed to beat Tottenham since returning to the First Division in 1982 and there is no reason to believe that this pattern will be altered at Kenilworth Road. Luton are 19 places behind Spurs and looking in more danger of relegation than last season when they briefly held a place in the top six before deteriorating.

Peter Shreeves's side would be foolish to underestimate a Luton team who have improved since the arrival of the striker, Mick Harford. Spurs are forced to reshuffle their defence, switching Stevens to centre-back in place of the injured Miller, and including Mabbutt in midfield. Luton's midfield is strengthened by the signing of Peter Nicholas whose aggression could upset Hoddle, who has recovered from a kidney injury.

Manchester United field an unchanged side against West Bromwich at Old Trafford but Ron Atkinson has little cause for comfort as long as Bryan Robson is injured. A statistical survey has showed that United enjoy only a 42 per cent success rate in the League when Robson is unavailable. Their challenge has faded since Christmas, leaving Atkinson with the possibility of having to win either the FA or the UEFA Cup to keep his job.

Don Howe keeps faith with the 12 Arsenal players who took part in the stunning FA Cup defeat at York, though Ian Allinson may start the home game against Coventry with Charlie Nicholas dropping to substitute. Arsenal have become so unpredictable in defence that the Sky Blues must fancy their chances of repeating their 1-0 win at Highbury last season. Don McKay, the caretaker manager, has recalled Peter Barnes to attack.

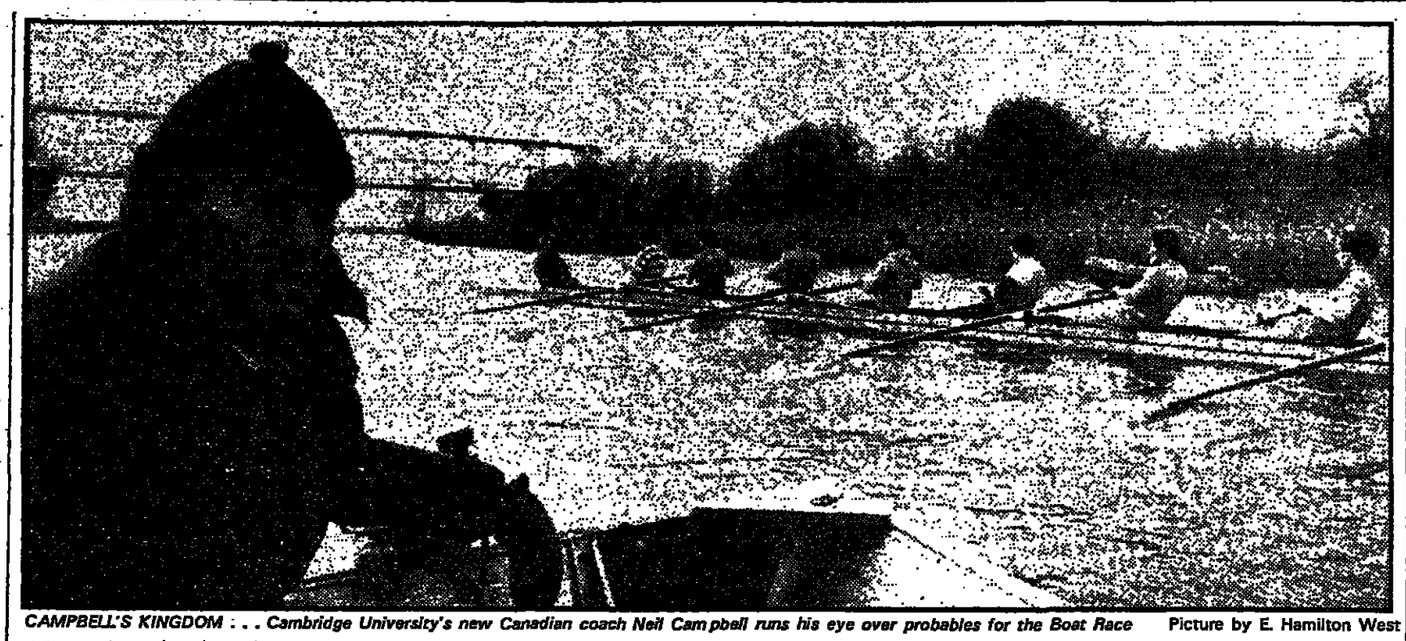
QPR have dropped Stainrod in favour of Byrne for the visit of sixth-placed Southampton. But Rangers who yesterday failed to sign Neil Webb from Portsmouth for £250,000, are still without Mick Robinson who has been to hospital with stomach pains.

● Norwich yesterday called off plans to sign goalkeeper Keith Waugh on loan from Sheffield United when they discovered he was Milk Cup tied.

● Wigan have signed Liverpool striker Paul Jewell, top scorer last season in the Anfield reserve team.

● Manchester United last night refused a Crystal Palace offer of £65,000 for winger Alan Davies and defender Billy Garton.

STOKE CITY, desperate for a goalkeeper after WBA recalled Paul Barron from loan yesterday, received special League clearance to play Port Vale's Barry Siddall at Sunderland, for whom he played 167 games. Newcastle, at West Ham, have dropped 'keeper Kevin Carr and brought in Martyn Thomas.



CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM . . . Cambridge University's new Canadian coach Neil Campbell runs his eye over probables for the Boat Race Picture by E. Hamilton West

Christopher Dodd follows the Light Blues' preparations

Canadian capers at Cambridge

ROWING

WHAT I mean by beat," Neil Campbell said to the Cambridge probables, "is beat them so bad that they hang up their oars and never want to row again." The reserve crew, sitting on the Great Ouse at Ely, were not within earshot. The Cambridge crew then gave them two thorough wallopings, showing a depth of power inspired by the new seating order in which Campbell had arranged them.

Campbell followed in his motorised tin bath, quiet during the set pieces but hollering cryptic comments and snappy orders during the rest of the outing. "Don't rush him, Six... He's the stroke, let him stroke... Four, you're late in, get it in *now*. . . . Three, hold it in, keep it covered." That sort of thing.

"The mark of a good athlete," he says, "is that he's flexible enough to allow himself to be coached. They're a good bunch of boys. They work hard; They got good attitude."

Campbell is looking after Cambridge for two weeks in preparation for the Boat Race on April 6, a race they have lost for the last nine years. He owns a gas station in St Catherine's, Canada. "I'm here because it's just gone self-serve," he says. He is here also because his Canadian eight won the Olympic gold medal last summer, surprising everyone except himself.

Two Oxford blues, Mike and Mark Evans, were in that crew. The Cambridge president, John Garrett, was a member of the British team in Los Angeles, and invited Campbell to join his coaching team under Alan Inns, and Cambridge University Boat Club has paid his fare and found him a room.

Almost Campbell's first act after watching Cambridge get the better of the University of London last weekend was to move Garrett forward from the Seven seat to the Three seat, James Witter from the bow to the crucial Seven seat, and David Hughes from Three to Bow. The effect was some offence taken by Garrett, who sees himself as the No. 7. and therefore as the transmitter of stroke's rhythm to the bow side of the boat. And presidents like to feel that they run the show; after all, they are theoretically in charge.

But the coach has the eyes, says Campbell. "Garrett doesn't cover his blade, and sometimes he skies it before it goes in and sometimes he gets it out early. That kid who's in the Seven seat now, he's long and good. He'll make Garrett a better oar. You can see him improving already.

"Garrett may be as good a Seven man, but he may turn out to be an outstanding Three man. The object is to win the Boat Race. I don't care where you sit. Doesn't matter."

Campbell is refreshingly uncluttered by any knowledge of Boat Race custom, practice, or tradition. He has an impressive record himself, stroking the Canadian eight in the 1968 Olympics when he was 38, and bringing outstanding Ridley College crews to Henley. He travels without ideological baggage or convoluted vocabulary. "I believe in puddles and kiss coaching."

Kiss coaching? "Yea. Keep It Simple, Stupid."

The size of the puddle an oarsman makes at the end of his stroke can reveal who is a boat-mover and who is a boat-stopper. "Watch that guy's puddle," Campbell says, indicating a man in the reserve boat whom Inns thinks should be tried for the Blue boat. "His is 20p, while everyone else's is 50p. If it was me, I wouldn't waste time trying him."

He may be new to the Boat Race, but Campbell is already as keen as the mustard which he takes on his bread. "The greatest asset a coach can have is to motivate," he says. "To be able to motivate, *they* (the crew) have got to be able to motivate *you*. It's a two-way street." All his best crews, he says, have been a family, and he feels he is becoming part of this one. They are showing signs of raw speed, which was the basis of the success of his Olympic crew.

"You've got to have raw speed, then you get technique and fitness. And that cox swain," referring to tiny Henrietta Henry Shaw, who is forecast as the first woman to steer Cambridge. "I like her. She's tough and she can steer good."

RUGBY UNION

David Foot
Bristol 3,
Gloucester 0

Three off in taut tussle

There were as many dismissals as points at the Memorial Ground last night in a match where merit-table status was restored only a few hours before. The only score was a stray penalty by David Sorrell.

John Doubleday and Nigel Scrivens were sent off nine minutes from the end after a vigorocs forward exchange; earlier, Jeremy Bennett had been dismissed for a late challenge in this taut, undistinguished West Country clash between two weakened sides.

Hannaford was a busy and positive scrum half for Gloucester. It was his break, from deep in his own half that almost set up an early try.

Morgan was bundled into touch, just short, and Bristol did particularly well to ride some sustained pressure. There was front-line friction, while Hannaford momentarily devalued his own enterprise with a petty offence to concede a kick.

Gloucester held the sway, it seemed, in the line-out for some time; but the forward battle was a traditionally rugged one and Baker, deputising as captain for the injured Polledri, was leading by example.

Long-range kicking by Sorrell and Watson pegged back Gloucester, who might still have levelled a 10th-minute penalty from Sorrell. The home team were penalised for a late tackle and Smith's kick just failed.

Two Sorrell penalties dropped marginally short from difficult positions. The mere three points in the first half reflected the abscence of experienced regulars in both sides.

Bristol.—D. Sorrell; J. Lane, J. Watson, S. Hogg, H. Duggan; S. Roberts, P. Jeffrey; J. Doubleday, K. Bogira, D. Hickey, N. Pomphrey, P. Stiff, M. Baker, capt, W. Hone, P. Miles.
Gloucester.—T. Smith; D. Morgan, R. Mogg, P. Taylor, capt, N. Price; M. Hamlin, M. Hannaford; M. Preedy, K. White, R. Pascall, N. Scrivens, J. Brain, J. Bennett, I. Smith, L. Cummins.
Referee: R. Parker (N Midlands).

ICE SKATING

Sandra Stevenson in Gothenburg

Soviets kept in suspense

THE SOVIET ice dance team for next week's 75th European Championships turned out yesterday in the Scandinavium stadium to watch Karen Barber and Nicky Slater from Manchester — but the British duo did not appear for practice.

The Soviet's presence was a tribute to Barber and Slater, who have the competition worried that they are poised to repeat Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean's 1981 upset by overtaking the two Soviet couples ranked above them.

Barber, 23, and Slater, 26, are pursuing the policy which suited Torvill and Dean by coming relatively late to championships. The rest of the British team flew in on Thursday but Slater and Barber will not arrive in Gothenburg until today. They are taking advantage of the extra practice time available without the burden of official scrutiny, at the West German training centre in Oberstdorf.

The dance championship is the last of the four events to begin. It is important that Barber and Slater do well in the compulsories, the lilting Viennese waltz, jaunty polka and flowing blues which are on Wednesday. The Original Set Pattern Quickstep is on Thursday and the Free on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday, Slater and Barber will present their highly-acclaimed oriental number to Mike Batt's music, recorded by the London Philharmonic.

To win, Barber and Slater must overtake the two more highly-ranked couples from Moscow — Natalia Bestemianova, 25, and Andrei Bukin, 27, and the recently-married Marina Klimova, 18, and Sergei Ponomarenko, 24.

However, they have recently twice beaten Bestemianova and Bukin within the Soviet Union, in spite of their rivals using fiery music from Carmen ideally suited to the beautiful red-haired Bestemianova. The third Soviet couple, Natalia Annenko and Genrekh Sretensky, who won silver medals in the St. Ivel International in Richmond in September, were also looking good in practice yesterday particularly in the blues compulsory.

The British team of two dance couples — Slater and Barber, and Sharon Jones and Paul Askham — plus one man, Stephen Pickavance and one woman, Susan Jackson, is the smallest in this event since 1950, which was four years before the dance championship was instigated. The championships open with the women's and pairs opening rounds on Monday, with the men's event starting on Tuesday.

Clive Everton

Mountjoy puffs along

SNOOKER

Doug Mountjoy, 15th in the world rankings, battled for four hours 35 minutes to win 5-4 against Tony Meo, ranked five places above him, in their quarter-final of the Benson & Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

Several match-clinching chances eluded Mountjoy before he beat Tony Knowles 5-3 in the first round and yesterday he had numerous opportunities to settle the issue in the eighth frame before Meo potted brown and blue to force him to a decider.

Meo, whose belief in himself tends to be more fragile than his ability warrants, was undoubtedly shaken by his 9-7 defeat by Steve Davis in the Coral UK Open in November after leading 7-4. With Davis he failed to retain the Hofmeister World Doubles title and yesterday he lacked confidence when it mattered most.

The Welshman was favoured with two very useful strokes of luck, fluking the yellow out of a self-inflicted snooker in the course of the 60 break which gave him the second frame and the red out of a snooker in clinching the fourth.

In the fourth there was an extraordinary incident when Meo, snookered behind the brown, failed to make his escape to the other end of the table by a margin sufficient for the referee to replace the cue ball in the same snooker position on the grounds that the Londoner's attempt had not been of a standard appropriate to a profesional player.

Four times he did so and Meo's final attempt was no nearer than his first but mercifully the referee then allowed Mountjoy to take his turn.

The first four frames, of 42, 31, 43, and 39 minutes respectively, were all inordinately long but Mountjoy won three of them. Meo levelled at 3-3 and again at 4-4 but his escape from a snooker in the decider left one of the remaining reds over a pocket and the other a simple straight pot.

Mountjoy cleared them, potted a difficult yellow and green but missed a difficult brown. With nothing easy at this stage, Meo also missed the brown and the next two colours were enough for the Welshman to breathe a sigh of relief.

His mental state may be inferred by the way he stood with a lighted cigarette in either hand after the match.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas is bowled over

An unexpected late change in the draw threw Desmond Douglas's attempt on the European top-12 title out of gear right at the start in Barcelona yesterday.

Douglas was beaten 21-7, 21-19, 21-16 by Mikael Appelgren. The Swede has recovered from a shoulder injury suffered while tenpin bowling and is now making such steady progress that he has regained much of the form that once made him the title holder and European champion and World Cup winner into the bargain.

That was precisely the kind of difficult start that the Birmingham left-hander had hoped and indeed expected to avoid. The original timetable had him lined up against two veterans, Jacques Secretain of France and Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia on the first day — until the sudden withdrawal of the former European No. 1 from Hungary, Tibor Klampar, caused a re-draw.

Richard Jago

HOCKEY

Finalists' long road

Lancashire and Middlesex, who met in the final of the 1983 County Championship, will have to slog through from the first national round this season — Lancashire because they were only runners-up in their division, Middlesex because they declined to play Sussex in the South final on the date advised.

Tomorrow Lancashire meet Staffordshire, the Midlands runners-up, while Middlesex play the Army, the Inter Services champions. Cambridgeshire are at home to Dorset in the other eighth final.

The last two HA Cup winners should go a long way towards clinching League titles if they avoid defeat today. Neston visit Bowdon, North's main hope in the HA Cup, in the North West League, while East Grinstead travel to Trojans, their nearest Truman South rivals.

Pat Rowley

John Samuel in Bormio

Challenge to Figini

SKIING

Not since Annemarie Moser-Proell has a woman so dominated ski racing in a single streak as Michaela Figini, the 18-year-old Swiss who won six successive races and a combined in the World Cup events preceding the world championships. Suddenly on Thursday the sequence was broken and though Figini is the outstanding favourite for today's women's downhill proper in Santa Caterina there must be a possibility of someone again breaking the hex.

The woman to do so on Thursday, in a combined downhill paired with a slalom on Monday, was Figini's Swiss compatriot Maria Walliser. The Swiss pair, with the Austrian Elisabeth Kirchler, have been the pre-eminent women downhillers of the past season and a half. Walliser, the Olympic favourite and still only 21, lost the Sarajevo title to Figini by five hundredths of a second but went on to take the World Cup title based on a full season's form. This season, however, Figini has dominated, winning giant and super giant slalom as well as downhill.

She is not a particularly stylish skier, but her strength of mind seems to have dominated the others as much as Moser-Proell did. Asked at Arosa whether she felt okay she said, "No, I don't. But I feel fast." Marina Kiehl of West Germany, an early-season winner, has a medal chance, though she will be without the support of the 1978 silver medallist.

Irene Epple has abruptly announced her retirement here. Irene, 27, and her 25 year-old sister, Maria, have buttressed the West German team for many years. Irene was disappointed at not being nominated for the combined.

SPORT IN BRIEF

SAILING: Boomerang gave due notice of her intention to remain top boat in the world in the first race of the Southern Ocean Racing Conference at St Petersburgh, Florida, writes **Bob Fisher.** She was five minutes up at the halfway turn and increased her lead in light airs on the run home to eight minutes.

SORC (St Petersburgh, Fla).—Provisional Results (US unless stated): Class A: 1, Boomerang (C. Cosmantaros); 2, Kialoa (J. Kilroy); 3, Matador (W. Koch). Class B: 1, Tomahawk (J. Arens); 2, Morning Star (J. Ambros); 3, Carat (W. Foss, Sweden). Class C: 1, Swale OU (D. Williford); 2, Gemini (M. Dickonsen, Italy); 3, Invictus (J. Malec). Class D: 1, Lobo (R. Livingstone); 2, High Roller (W. Power); 3, Sleeper (L. North).

BADMINTON: Andy Goode took only 30 minutes to beat Mike Scandolera 15-6, 15-7 and take the Australia Games title for England in Melbourne, but Jane Sutton lost the women's final 4-11, 2-11 to the 14-year-old Ludawan Mulsartsathorn of Thailand.

RESULTS

Soccer

INTER-CITY TOURNAMENT (Kuala Lumpur).—Final: Grasshoppers Zurich 4, Kuala Lumpur 2.
CANON LEAGUE.—Fourth Division: Colchester 4, Northampton 1; Crewe 2, Hartlepool 0; Exeter 2, Southend 1; Halifax 1, Scunthorpe 2; Stockport 2, Wrexham 2.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES.—Bath 28, Rosslyn Park 9; Bristol 3, Gloucester 0; Esher 13, Camborne 10; Maesteg 3, Neath 32; Newbridge 15, Pontypool 25; Northampton 18, Saracens 9; Selkirk 6, Ards 13; Watsonians 6, O Belvedere 26; West of Scotland 13, Cleatarf 0.

Golf

BING CROSBY PGA TOURNAMENT (Pebble Beach, Ca).—Leading scores (US unless stated): 68, J. C. Miller; 69, E. Archer, T. C. Chen (Tai), W. Wood; 70, L. Elder, M. Reid, M. O'Meara; 71, K. Brown (GB), M. McCumber; 72 R. Green, D. Tewell, L. Nelson, P. Stewart, J. Simons, B. Faxon. Other scores included: 73, T. Aoki (Jap), K. Arai (Jap), D. Graham (Aus), B. Langer (WG); 74, G. Norman (Aus), J. Melford (Can), S. H. Park (S. Korea); 75, P. Oosterhuis (GB), S Lyle (GB), M Faldo (GB).

TASMANIAN OPEN TOURNAMENT (Launceston).—Leading scores (Australian unless stated): 137, I. Roberts 71, 66; T. Gale 65, 72; 138, P. Senior 68,70; R. Stephens 68, 70; S. A. Chapman (Can) 70, 68; K. Dukes 69, 69; 139, R. Mackay 69, 70; D. Moore 70, 69; I. Baker-Finch 70, 69; R. Davis 70, 69; 140, K. Moe (US) 72, 68; K. Murray (Can) 71, 69; G. Turner (NZ) 70, 70; R. Chapman (GB) 65, 75; J. Clifford 70, 70.

SWAZILAND OPEN (Mbabane). —Third round leaders (S African unless stated): 204, McNulty 70, 64, 67, 202, P. Simmons 71, 65, 66, 204, T. Claassens 70, 67, 67; S. Hobday 66, 70, 68; R. Smith (US) 68, 67, 69; T. Britz 66, 68, 70; W. Humphreys (Britain) 67, 67, 70; A. Heaning 65, 68, 71, 208; J. Blamist (Swaz) 69, 70, 69, 207; M. Johnson (Britain) 68, 73, 66; J. Bland 73, 64, 70; R. Hartanan (US) 71, 69, 67; F. Allen 70, 69, 68, 206; S. Bennett (Britain) 73, 69, 66; I. Mosey (Britain) 70, 68, 70; H. Baloochi 67, 70, 71; R. Verwey 69, 69, 70.

Tennis

DOUBLES FINAL. — S. Eriksson and Lundgren (Swe) beat I. Werner (W Ger) and J. Smonsky (Swi) 6-4, 6-4.
MEN'S SATELLITE CIRCUIT (Brasthall).—Singles, Final: P. Lundgren (Swe) beat J. Bates (Surrey) 6-2, 6-4.
US NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Men's Singles, Quarter-finals (US unless stated): S. Edberg (Swe) beat J. Kriek 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; E. Teltscher beat R. Krishnan (Ind) 6-3, 6-3; V. Nash (Fra) beat Tim Gullikson 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; B. Gilbert beat J. Lapidus 6-1, 6-4; K. Curren (SA) beat J. Sadri 6-4, 6-4; S. Perkins (Ire) beat B. Becker (WG) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; J. Connors beat Shlaes 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.
FLORIDA WOMEN'S CHALLENGE (Marco Island).—Singles, Quarter-finals (US unless stated): K. Jordan beat C. Tanvier (Fra) 6-1, 6-2; L. Bonder beat K. Maleeva (Bul) 6-1, 7-6; P. Casale beat S. Walsh 6-2, 6-4; A. Minter (Aus) beat S. Graf (WG) 6-3, 6-1; S. Cales (Yuga) beat L. Drescher (Swi) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; P. Lewis beat C. Linkquist (Swe) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; C. Benjamin beat S. V. Wade (GB) 6-2, 6-4; B. Gadusek beat G. Sabatini (Arg) 6-3, 6-4.

Skiing

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.—Combined downhill: 1, P. Zurbriggen (Switz) 2min 00.36secs; 2, P. Luescher (Switz) 2-00.56; 3, M. Wasmaier (Switz) 2-01.59; 4, T. Brooker (Can) 2-01.76; 5, M. Muir (Ty) 2-01.81; 6, D. Lewis (US) 2-02.04; 7, F. Piccard (Fr) 2-02.59; 8, A. Stelzer (Aut) 2-02.56; 9, equal, P. Verneret (Fr) and Steven Lee (Australia) 2-02.60; 30, M. Blyth (GB) 2-05.08; 34, N. Smith (GB) 2-05.66; 41, F. Burton (GB) 2-07.34.

Squash Rackets

INTERNATIONAL SQUASH RANKINGS (Top 10 plus British players).—1, J. Khan (Pak); 2, Q. Zaman (Pak); 3, R. Norman (NZ); 4, C. Dittmar (Aus); 5, D. Williams (Aus); 6, E. Pollard (Aus); 7, S. Davenport (NZ); 8, M. Ahmed (Pak); 9, R. Jahan (Eng); 10, R. Thorne (Aust); 11, S. Williams (Eng); 12, S. Briars (Eng); 21, P. Kenyon (Eng); 25, J. Nicker (Eng); 27, D. Lloyd (Eng); 28, M. Budhwaade (Eng); 33 D. Lee (Eng).

Cricket

TOUR MATCH (Wellington).—Pakistan 217 for 9 dec (Zaheer Abbas 92; Gray 5 for 68); Wellington 22 for 0.

SHELL SHIELD
KINGSTON.—Jamaica (First Innings) 135 (Sebastian 4 for 49). Windward Islands (First Innings) 155 for 1 (L. John 70 not out, I. Cadette 53 not out).

Motor Sport

MONTE CARLO RALLY.—Final placings: 1, A. Vatanen (Fin, Peugeot 205) 10hr 20min 49sec; 2, W. Rohrl (W Ger, Audi Quattro) at 5min 17sec; 3, T. Salonen (Fin, Peugeot 205) at 10-05; 4, S. Blomquist (Swe, Audi Quattro) at 19-22; 5, B. Saby (Fra, Peugeot 205) at 19-56; 6, H. Toivonen (Fin, Lancia 037) at 22-27.

Snooker

BENSON AND HEDGES MASTERS TOURNAMENT (Wembley). Quarter-final: D. Mountjoy (Eavy, Harold) beat T. Meo (Morden) 5-4, Frames (Mountjoy first): 79-39, 72-31, 40-64, 92-27, 25-80, 28-76, 109-8, 48-79, 64-58.

Badminton

AUSTRALIA GAMES (Melbourne): Finals.—Men's Singles: A. Goode (Eng) beat M. Scandolera (Aus) 15-6, 15-7. Doubles: Goode and M. Tier (Eng) beat G. Robson and K. Harrison (NZ) 15-5, 15-1. Women's Singles: L. Mulsartsathorns (Thai) beat J. Sutton (Eng) 11-4, 11-2. Doubles: F. Elliott and Sutton (Eng) beat J. Poon and Tan Sei Hoon (Malaysia) 15-12, 15-4.

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WEEKEND RACING

The Lad gets record on a walk-over

Chris Hawkins

One way or another Burrough Hill Lad cannot stop making headlines. After yesterday's announcement from owner Stan Riley that Burrough Hill Lad is for sale, comes the disappointing news that the horse has scared off all the opposition in today's feature event at Sandown, the Gainsborough Chase, resulting in a walk-over.

Thus Riley pockets around £15,000 without even having to lift his binoculars, suggesting that if it is money he wants he should instruct Jenny Pitman to enter the horse every other day. Already Burrough Hill Lad has earned £178,966, which makes him the highest money winner under National Hunt Rules, a record previously held by Silver Buck.

Riley, a retired restaurateur, has turned down an offer of £200,000 but says he will sell if the price is right in order to finance his breeding business. Last night he was seriously considering two "substantial offers." If he decides to sell it is to be hoped that Burrough Hill Lad will stay in Jenny Pitman's yard, for it would be a tragedy for her if she lost him after making him the brilliant horse he is.

Owner and trainer are not quite seeing eye to eye at the moment over Burrough Hill Lad's participation in the Grand National. Riley believes that with 12st 5lb Burrough Hill Lad is very well handicapped and serious thought should be given to running, while Mrs Pitman takes the view that it is asking too much to go for the Gold Cup and the National.

Mrs Pitman would dearly love to win another National with Corbiere and one gets some idea of where her loyalties lie when she describes Burrough Hill Lad as the "champion" but Corbiere as the "hero."

Today's walk-over at Sandown is, of course, a farce, and a condemnation of the declaration system which allows it to happen. Surely, in such valuable races, it is not beyound the rule-maker's to allow Weatherby's to contact trainers concerned in such a situation and give them a chance to reconsider their decision to withdraw.

In this particular case, however, it would have resulted in only one trainer changing his mind—Josh Gifford, who would have run Greenwood Lad.

The Gainsborough was to be the highlight of ITV's coverage of the meeting but the Oteley Hurdle has been promoted to take its place and at least this will be an interesting contest with Desert Orchid and the Schweppes fancy Flarey Sark in the field.

Desert Orchid (2.50) probably did as well as could be expected when a 15 lengths runner-up to Browne's Gazette at Kempton on Boxing Day but he was disappointing when dropping out tamely to finish 13th in the Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown last time.

He is well suited by the terms of today's race in which he has to give only 5 lb to give Flarey Sark.

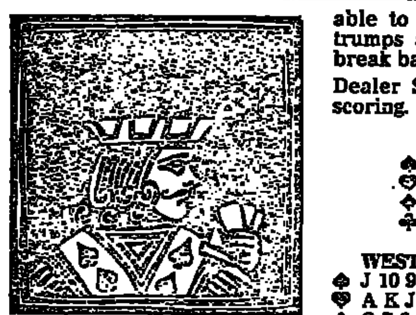
The Scilly Isles Novice Chase will give us some idea of whether we have a young two mile chaser capable of stopping the Irish winning the Arkle at Cheltenham next month.

So far **Townley Stone** (2.50) looks our best prospect and while he is unlikely to be fully tuned up after nearly three months off the course, it will be disappointing if he cannot beat northern challenger Karenomore and Freight Forwarder, who has a 3lb pull for the 11½ lengths he was beaten by the selection at Ascot.

John Jenkins does not believe in giving his horses an easy time and Beat The Retreat has his 14th race of the season in the Ripley Novice Hurdle. He may have been a shade unlucky to go down by a neck to Mariners Dream at Wincanton last Friday when racing on the slower ground, but **Nohalmdun** (3.50) may represent better value here.

There will be a good race for the Ripon Handicap Chase at Wetherby in which Mick Easterby — four winners since last Saturday — saddles **Mr Snugfit** (2.0) an impressive fast time winner from Last Deal at Leicester on Monday.

Don't Annoy Me (1.30) is a decent northern novice who should not be far away in the opener at Wetherby.



BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

THERE was an encouraging response to the competition which appeared in the Christmas Eve edition of the Guardian, and here is an analysis of the first section.

TRICK ONE

The full deal from which this opening lead problem was taken occurred during the House of Commons versus House of Lords match in 1979. Dealer North; love all

NORTH
♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 10 8 2
♦ A
♣ Q J 7 3 2

WEST
♠ K 10 8 3 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ K Q 9 5
♣ A

EAST
♠ —
♥ K J 7 5 4
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ 9 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 7 4
♥ —
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ K 10 6

South	West	North	East
		1♥	NB
1♠	NB	2♣	NB
3♠	NB	4♠	NB
NB	Double	Redble	NB
NB	NB		

This was the penultimate deal of an extremely close encounter, and the Duke of Atholl, the captain of the House of Lords team, effectively won the match for his side by leading the two of spades and thereby restricting declarer to nine tricks.

The alternative lead of the king of diamonds would not succeed. Declarer would win, cash the ace of hearts and ruff a heart. A diamond ruff, a heart ruff and another diamond ruff would give declarer six tricks, and he could then ensure four more trump tricks for himself by leading clubs at every opportunity.

Awards for West's opening lead. Two or three of spades 10; ace of clubs 8; king of diamonds 5; any heart 2.

TRICK TWO

This problem related to declarer's correct play in 4H after winning the opening spade lead with dummy's ace. It may seem natural to play a round of hearts at trick 2 but, as you will see from the full deal set out below, this might prove fatal if West is able to clear three rounds of trumps and the adverse clubs break badly.

Dealer South; game all; i.m.p. scoring.

NORTH
♠ A 7 3
♥ 10 9 8 6 4
♦ J 8 4
♣ A 4

WEST
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ A K J
♦ Q 7 6 5 3
♣ J

EAST
♠ K Q 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q 10 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ Q 7 5 3 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 3 2

Since declarer can afford to lose three trump tricks, he should concentrate on making sure that he can ruff his three losing clubs in dummy. If the cards are as badly placed as they actually are, this involves playing on cross-ruff lines right from the start.

Awards for South's play at trick 2. Ace of clubs 10; a diamond or a spade 9; any heart 3.

TRICK THREE

This problem was taken from a hand played at rubber bridge by the great US player, Harold Ogust.

Dealer South; game all.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5 3 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 5
♣ A 8 2

WEST
♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 9
♦ K 6 2
♣ K 10 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 6
♥ K J 8 6 3 2
♦ Q 4 3
♣ J 9 5

SOUTH
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♥ A Q 10 4
♦ A J 9 8 7
♣ Q 7

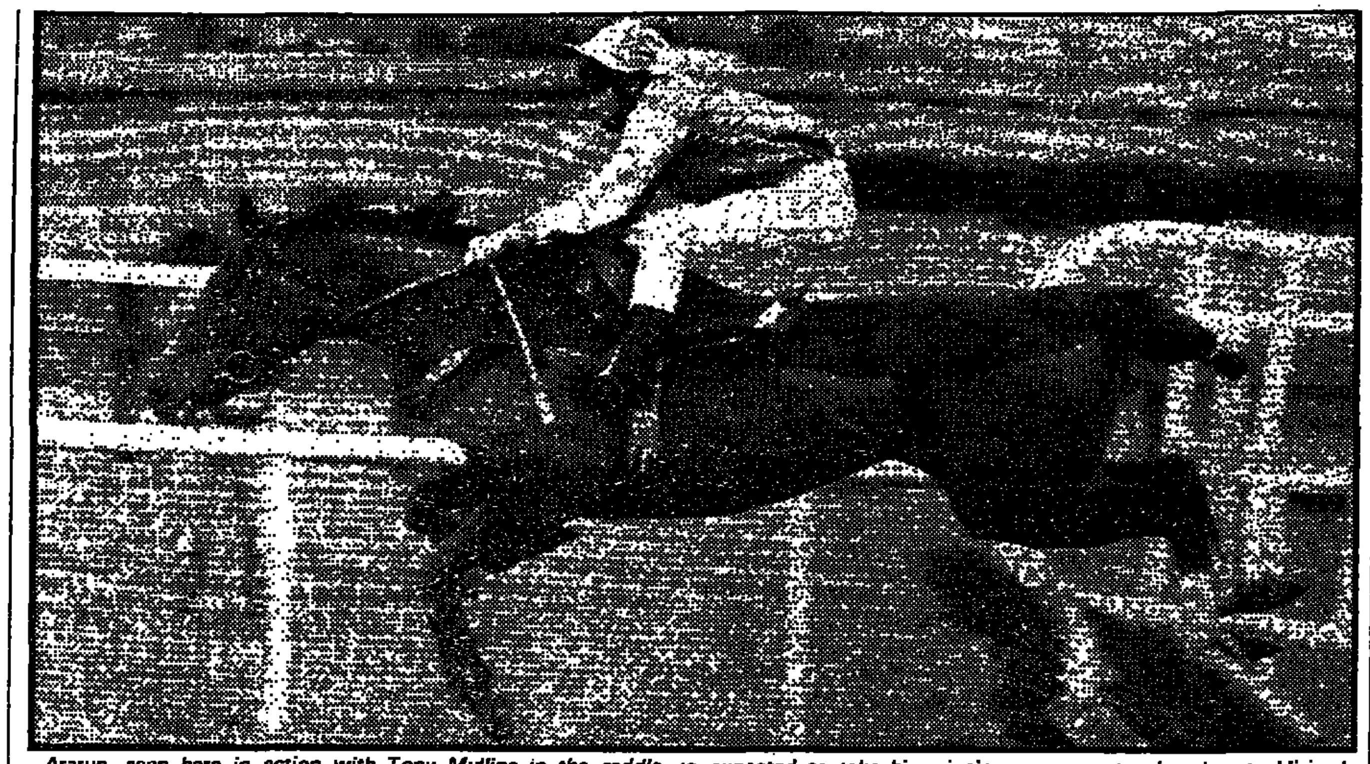
West led a small club against Ogust's contract of 3NT, and declarer captured East's jack with the queen and cashed the king of spades. He then made the key play of overtaking his queen of spades with dummy's ace at trick 3.

If the adverse spades had been 3-2, this play would have cost a trick but not the contract, for declarer could concede a spade trick and still make at least nine. When the spades were 4-1, however, South was able to abandon the suit and turn his attention to diamonds, running the ten to West's king and subsequently using the ace of clubs as an entry for a second diamond finesse. This line of play produced nine tricks when the queen of diamonds appeared in three rounds.

Awards for South's play at trick 3. Play queen of spades to dummy's ace 10; cash the queen of spades 5; duck a diamond 1.

Further analysis next Saturday

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Ararun, seen here in action with Tony Mullins in the saddle, is expected to take his winning sequence to six when tackling the Greenfield Novice Hurdle at Leopardstown this afternoon. He is the son of that prolific sire Dawn Run.

RUNNERS AND RIDERS AT SANDOWN

1 45 Clinker | 2 50 Desert Orchid (nb)
2 15 Townley Stone | 3 20 Lord Leighton
3 50 Nohalmdun

JACKPOT and PLACEPOT: ALL 5 RACES
TOTE DOUBLE: 2.50 and 3.50: TREBLE: 2.15, 3.20 and 4.20
* DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: SOFT

— ITV —

1 45—SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE; 2m; £2,607 (9 runners).

101 330-00 BRAVE HUSSAR (D) (H Joel) J. Gifford 7-12-0 ... E. Murphy (7)
103 321012 ROUGH COURSE (K. Catchpole) Miss L. Bower 7-10-10 ... M. Kinane
110 103300- DODGY FUTURE (D) (D. Lowe) S. Mellor 5-10-5 ... M. Perrett
111 010-P32 CLINKER (CD) (A. King) J. Bosley 5-10-5 ... Mr M. Bosley
112 0-00003 SUNFLOWER LAD (D) (M. Clemence) T. Bulgin 6-10-5 J. Lovejoy (3)
114 201230- FLOYD (Mrs. Y. Gillespie) D. Elsworth 5-10-2 ... C. Brown
115 000-040 KASLAND (CD) (Mrs J. Pelly) Miss L. Bower 8-10-0 ... R. Arnott (4)
118 400112- SLIP UP (D) (F. Gray) F. Gray 5-10-0 ... G. Ebright
119 040P-00 SAINT OSWALD (C. Harvey) J. E. Long 8-10-0 ... R. Rowell
Betting forecast: 9-4 Clinker, 11-4 Sunflower Lad, 4 Dodgy Future, 6 Brave Hussar, 7 Rough Course, 8 Floyd
TOP FORM TIPS: Clinker 8, Sunflower Lad 7, Brave Hussar 6.

— ITV —

2 15—SCILLY ISLES NOVICE CHASE; 2m 18yds; £7,622 (5 runners).

201 211421 FREIGHT FORWARDER (Britannic Shipping Ltd) A. Pitt 11-11-10 R. Rowe
202 2113-11 TOWNLEY STONE (C/D) (Mrs M. Townley) J Webber 6-11-10 G. McCourt
204 2-22111 KARENOMORE (Lt-Col R. Warden) M. H. Easterby 7-11-5 J. J. O'Neill
205 3/31113 ST WILLIAM (W. Morecombe) R. Hodges 8-11-5 ... Peter Hobbs
206 60-0341 SWORD GAME (K. McDonald) W. Fairgrieve 9-11-5 ...
Betting forecast: Evens Townley Stone, 3 Freight Forwarder, 7-2 Karenomore, 7 St William, 25 Sword Game.
TOP FORM TIPS: Townley Stone 8, Karenomore 7.

— ITV —

2 50 — OTELEY HURDLE: 2m; £4,417 (9 runners).

301 0111- FEALTY (P. Brookshaw) P. Brookshaw 5-11-12 ... S. Smith Eccles
302 10-3320 DESERT ORCHID (C/D) (R. Burridge) D. Elsworth 6-11-5 ... C. Brown
303 21/0321 ALLTEN GLAZED (C/D) (Exors. J. Widdall) M. Naughton 8-11-0 ... P. A. Farrell
304 2041-F1 FLAREY SARK (S. Marsh) R. Fisher 8-11-0 ... J. Doyle
305 11F-21 INFIELDER (D) (BF) (T. Waterman) F. Winter 6-10-10 ... J. Francome
307 000-041 MR MOONRAKER (D) (Mrs P. Blackburn) L. Kennard 8-10-10 B. Powell
308 034-03 CATERPILLAR * (T. Thorn) J. Bridger 5-10-7 ... J. J. O'Neill
311 00212-0 PADDYS BELLE (Mrs P. Tucker) D. C. Tucker 5-10-5 ... N. Coleman
312 2131-4P STAR WHISTLER (D) (Mrs N. Parish) P. Butler 8-10-5 ... G. Newman
Betting forecast: Evens Desert Orchid, 3 Flarey Sark, 5 Allten Glazed, 13-2 Infielder, 10 Fealty, 12 Mr Moonraker.
TOP FORM TIPS: Desert Orchid 9, Flarey Sark 7, Allten Glazed 6.

3 20—ELMBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m 68yds; £4,567 (8 runners).

402 2R-0301 THE TSAREVICH (Mrs C. Henty) N. Henderson 9-11-7 ... J. White
403 2P-4124 LEAN AR AGHAIDH (C) (Mrs W. Tulloch) S. Mellor 8-11-3 ... M. Perrett
404 1-14124 FAR BRIDGE (C/D) (BF) (Duke of Atholl) G. Balding 9-11-0 ... B. Reilly
405 11-0410 LEFT BANK (C) (G. Beccle) D. Morley 7-10-13 ... P. Scudamore
407 12213-3 ACES WILD (BF) (Mrs M. Valentine) F. Winter 7-10-5 ... J. Duggan (4)
408 2300-33 WESTERN SUNSET (S. Saiosbury) T. Forster 9-10-3 ... H. Davies
409 040-02F LORD LEIGHTON * (S. Hunt) L. Kennard 9-10-1 ... B. Powell
411 321/0P1 ARABIAN MUSIC (Lady Rootes) J. Gifford 10-10-0 ... R. Rowe
Betting forecast: 11-4 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 5 Arabian Music, The Tsarevich, 6 Aces Wild, 8 Left Bank, Far Bridge, 10 Lord Leighton, Western Sunset.
TOP FORM TIPS: The Tsarevich 8, Lean Ar Aghaidh 7, Western Sunset 6.

3 50—RIPLEY NOVICE HURDLE: 4-Y-0; 2m; £2,159 (14 runners).

501 111F12 BEAT THE RETREAT (C/D) (BF) (D. Steele) J. Jenkins 11-6 ... J. Francome
502 131 NOHALMDUN (D) (Ulceby Farm) M. H. Easterby 11-4 ... J. J. O'Neill
506 BALKAN DANCER (J. Hughes) Miss L. Bower 10-9 ... R. Rowell
508 00 COLDHARBOUR LAD (E. Beever) E. Beever 10-9 ... P. Guest (4)
509 P4P3P COUNTRY CAP (R. Townsend) W. T. Kemp 10-9 ... S. Shilston
511 04 FLYING TENDERFOOT * (Mrs J. Harvey) P. Bailey 10-9 ... R. Linley
512 0 FREEMASON (Mrs C. Heath) O. Sherwood 10-9 ... H. Davies
514 JORIX (Miss V. Willis) G. Gracey 10-9 ... Lorna Vincent
515 2 LORD BUTCH (R. Howe) R. Howe 10-9 ... N. Furlong
513 04 MR GREGORY * (A. Leiper) G. Balding 10-9 ... B. Reilly
518 OLD ALEX (T. Thorn) J. Bridger 10-9 ... R. Goldstein
520 RESPITE (R. Richmond-Watson) J. Webber 10-9 ... G. McCourt
522 0 THE PROCESSOR (J. Hurst) R. Howe 10-9 ... P. Howe (7)
524 0 FOLKLAND (T. Kanasashi) D. Arbuthnot 10-4 ... Mr T. Thomson Jones
Betting forecast: Evens Beat The Retreat, 3 Nohalmdun, 6 Flying Tenderfoot, 8 Mr Gregory, 10 Freemason.
TOP FORM TIPS: Beat The Retreat 8, Nohalmdun 7, Lord Butch 6.

4 20—GAINSBOROUGH CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP): 3m 118yds; £15,720

601 1-31111 BURROUGH HILL LAD (C/D) (R. Riley) Mrs J. Pitman 9-12-0 ... J. Francome walks over

WETHERBY

1 30 Don't Annoy Me | 3 00 Mick's Star
2 00 MR SNUGFIT (nap) | 3 30 Prominent King
2 30 Shrewd Operator | 4 05 Try To Stop Me

* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to Soft

1 30—ACOMB NOVICE HURDLE: Div 1; 2m; £618 (25 runners).

1 21U DON'T ANNOY ME (D) (BF) (Europrint Promotions) R. Whitaker 5-11-12 ... Mr. R. Beggan
2 422 AMADIS (J. Airton) T. Barron 5-11-5 ... P. Tuck
4 F40- BARRON JULIUS (Mrs S. Gribben) J. Glover 5-11-5 ... D. McKeown (7)
7 CO CO MAN (J. Wenman) N. Tinkler 6-11-5 ... N. Tinkler
8 DELIGHTING (Miss J. Drury) G. Vergette 5-11-5 ... S. Johnson
9 DROMODAN (J. Ennis) M. H. Easterby 5-11-5 ... D. Dutton
10 FIRST IMAGE (D. Cooper) Mrs N. Macauley 5-11-5 ... K Sims (7)
12 U-P GLEBE STREAM (J. Carlyle) T. Barnes 8-11-5 ... M. Barnes
13 LONG WAIT (J. Thompson) D. Lee 6-11-5 ... A. Stringer
15 00 MR HEATH (S. Allan) M. H. Easterby 5-11-5 ... G. Bradley
19 0 TOGG (Mrs M. Saville-Deane) Mrs C. Postlethwaite 7-11-5 P. A. Charlton
25 01 SWINGIT GUNNER (D) (A. Wilkinson) Denys Smith 4-11-2 ... C. Grant
27 00 MANDRAKE HONEY (B. Temple) B. Temple 5-11-0 ... M. Pepper
28 0 MASKWOOD (M. Griese) J. Jefferson 5-11-0 ... M. Hill (7)
32 P TIRESOME (E. Rollinson) P. Felgate 5-11-0 ... T. Wor
37 COURT PRINCE (J. Astaire) C. Tinkler 4-10-9 ... R. Earnshaw
38 03 FAT FORWARD (W. Caldwell) T. Caldwell 4-10-9 ... Doubtful
39 0 HOMETOWN (M. Shine) J. Fitzgerald 4-10-9 ... M. Dwyer
41 NORTHGATE VENTURE (N. Hartas) M. W. Ellerby 4-10-9 ... Mr. R. Morley
42 800 POCNA EXPRESS (W. Sellers) J. Parkes 4-10-9
43 ROSEMAN (Mrs C Shaw) J. Leigh 4-10-9 ... P. Blackburn (7)
45 SIRURDY (County Properties) C. Tinkler 4-10-9 ... R. Lamb
49 0 HALF ASLEEP (N. Hetherton) W. Elsey 4-10-4 ... C Hawkins
50 40 RIBOSELLE (T. Chandler) Ron Thompson 4-10-4 ... Jayne Thompson (7)
51 0 SARITAMER LASS (T. Kersey) T. Kersey 4-10-4 ... D. Wilkinson
Betting forecast: 5-2 Amadis, 100-30 Don't Annoy Me, 9-2 Togg, 6 Swingit Gunner
TOP FORM TIPS: Don't Annoy Me 8, Amadis 7, Swingit Gunner 6.

2 0—RIPON HANDICAP CHASE: 3m 100yds; £3,832 (13 runners).

2 1-10U22 EARLS BRIG (C/D) (W. Hamilton) W. Hamilton 10-11-10 ... T. G. Dun
3 3P0-002 PHIL THE FLUTER (C/D) (R. Poppleton) H. Wharton 10-11-3 ... P. Corrigan (7)
4 1/13-P4 PRINCE ROWAN (J. Poynton) Mrs M. Dickinson 9-11-1 ... G. Bradley
5 11-3120 HARDY LAD (Mrs J. Milligan) B. Wilkinson 8-11-1 ... N. Doughty
6 1321-40 RUPERTINO (BF) (Lord Kenyon) E. Owen jun 10-10-13 ... R. Strange
8 311-000 ONAPROMISE (C D) (T. Macdonald) Denys Smith 9-10-9 ... C. Grant
9 U2112-0 GREAT HEAD BOY (Hitchens for Kitchens) R. Fisher 8-10-8 M. Meagher (4)
10 02-0122 WHY FORGET (BF) (R. Bell Fish Ltd) W. A. Stephenson 9-10-7 ... Mr P. J. Dun
11 2-1F221 GRINDERS (C) (Needhams Butchers) E. Carter 7-10-6 ... P. A. Charlton
12 00-0211 MR SNUGFIT (6lb ex) (A. Greenwood) M. W. Easterby 8-10-5 ... P. Tuck
13 P11-PP4 SUNSET CRISTO (C D) (Miss C. Hawkey) R. Hawkey 11-10-1 ... A. Stringer
14 04F-443 DOOR STEP (J. Horgan) J. FitzGerald 9-10-1 ... M. Dwyer
15 10-P02P SANTA NOEL (Steadfast Scaffold) J. Leigh 9-10-0 ... S. Johnson
Betting forecast: 5 Earls Brig, 7-2 Mr Snugfit, 6 Phil The Fluter, Prince Rowan
TOP FORM TIPS: Mr Snugfit 8, Earls Brig 7, Prince Rowan 6.

2 30—SKIPTON HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m 100yds; £2,976 (7 runners).

3 1420-43 MULLACURRY (J. Shannon) J. FitzGerald 13-11-7 ... M. Dwyer
4 104- SHREWD OPERATOR (J. Ussen) S. Mellor 8-11-3 ... G. Charles-Jones (4)
5 121113 SPRING CHANCELLOR (Mrs M. Britton) W. A. Stephenson 10-11-2 R. Lamb
9 4-41114 BOOK OF KELLS (BF) (R. Benson) J. Blundell 10-10-3 ... D. Dutton
10 333320 SNOW BLESSED (C/D) (R. Baker) Denys Smith 8-10-1 ... C. Grant
11 100-F3F POWDER HORN (J. Barr) Mrs J. Barr 8-10-0 ... R. Earnshaw
12 0'0301U TOM SAWYER (Mrs M. Kenyon) A. Watson 11-10-0 ... A. Stringer
Betting forecast: 11-4 Spring Chancellor, 7-2 Mullacurry, 4 Book Of Kells, 5 Shrewd Operator, 7 Snow Blessed, 8 Powder Horn
TOP FORM TIPS: Mullacurry 8, Spring Chancellor 7.

3 0—KEIGHLEY HANDICAP HURDLE: 2½m; £2,187 (15 runners).

1 011034/ ANGELO SALVINI (C/D) (T. Easterby) M. H. Easterby 9-11-11 Mr T. Easterby
2 00-0110 EBORACUM (C/D) (Mrs A. Harker) B. Wilkinson 7-11-9 Mr G. Harker (7)
3 1P3P-00 CRACKHILL (C) (A. Suddes) Miss S. Hall 6-10-11 ... K. Teelan (4)
4 043F40 GEARYS COLD ROLLED (D) (D. Pike) Denys Smith 8-10-10 D. Leadbitter (7)
5 21-4330 TURI (C) (A. Smith) A. Smith 6-10-8 ... C. Grant
6 142000 STARLIGHT ROCKY (Miss Z. Green) Miss Z. Green 9-10-5 ... J. Goulding
7 0110 CARNEADES (Timeform Social Club) M. H. Easterby 5-10-2 ... D. Dutton
8 04F-044 WOLD RAT (BF) (G. Stephenson) J. Fitzgerald 6-10-0 ... M. Dwyer
9 40-2203 MICK'S STAR (BF) (Lord Belper) M. W. Easterby 5-10-0 ... P. Tuck
10 P-20302 A. T. S. PRINCE (Qualitair Eng) K. Stone 6-10-0 ... M. Hindley
11 4-31334 WHATS WHAT (Mrs D. Bousfield) B. Bousfield 6-10-0 ... R. Storey
12 221-03F SWEET COLLEEN (C) (G. Graham) M. W. Easterby 5-10-0 ... A. Dickman
13 P1-0000 CUT'N DRY (Miss M. Roulston) J. Mason 5-10-0 ... S. McNeill
14 01/000- TARDA (D) (M. Kellett) M. Kellett 7-10-0 ... S. Charlton
16 444000 MOSSY CONES (D) (W. A. Stephenson) W. A. Stephenson 6-10-0 ...
Betting forecast: 4 Wold Rat, 5 Crackhill, 6 Carneades, 7 Mick's Star, 8 Angelo Salvini, 10 A. T. S. Prince, 12 Whats What.
TOP FORM TIPS: Wold Rat 8, Carneades 7, Starlight Rocky 6.

3 30—FOXHUNTERS CHASE: Amateur Riders: 2½m 100yds; £1,122 (21 runners)

1 84F110- PEACE CLASH (J. Greenall) W. A. Stephenson 8-12-5 ... J. Greenall (7)
2 11021- PROMINENT KING (T. Easterby) M. H. Easterby 13-12-5 ... T. Easterby
3 211221- URSER (M. W. Easterby) M. W. Easterby 11-12-5 ... K. Reveley (7)
4 B13110- CHEEKIO ORA (C/D) (H. Parry) H. Parry 12-12-2 ... P. Greenall
5 1F4/F- ARTHUR BELL'S (A. Wight) J. Wight 9-11-9 ... A. Wight (7)
6 020-P30 BENNILONG (Polymath Supplies) P. O'Connor 9-11-9 ... M. Wells
8 3P1P2P/ COFFEE BOY (Mrs C. Thornton) C. Thornton 13-11-9 ... S. Swiers (7)
9 00P/ COLD SNAP (T. Easterby) T. Easterby 8-11-9 ... R. Segrave
11 GLENROY (K. Morton) K. Morton 7-11-9 ... Miss J. Morton (7)
13 00041-1 GOLDEN TY (V. Hall) V. Hall 7-11-9 ... A. Orkney (7)
14 000042- INGRAM (Mrs J. Jordan) Mrs J. Jordan 15-11-9 ... M. Sowerby (7)
17 MICKEY CINDERS (S. Wanless) S. Wanless 7-11-9 ... C. Storey (7)
18 000F0P/ PENNINE DEREK (R. Johnson) R. Johnson 11-11-9 ... P. Johnson (7)
19 33FU33- RAMBLING BUCK (Mrs J. Griffith) E. Owen jun 11-11-9 J. Griffith (7)
20 0/ SCRIDGE (R. Russ) R. Russ 9-11-9 ... N. James (7)
21 00/000- SPRING MOON (M. Smith) M. Smith 9-11-9 ... D. Smith (7)
22 4P/FFP- THE DRUNKEN MICK (B. Munro-Wilson) G. W. Richards 12-11-9 A. Fowler
23 0'P0P0- THE HEENAN KID (C) (J. Wade) J. Wade 12-11-9 ... J. Wade
25 24P-P44 ASK ME NICELY (J. Morley) J. Morley 11-11-4 ...
26 0000+0?- LITTLE SWINBURN (Mrs G. Reed) W. Reed 7-11-4 ... T. Reed (4)
27 3- TRIGANNA (R. Bainbridge) R. Bainbridge 10-11-4 ... L. Hodson (7)
Betting forecast: 9-4 Prominent King, 100-30 Cheekio Ora, 4 Urser, 8 Peace Clash, 10 Golden Ty, 12 Arthur Bell's.
TOP FORM TIPS: Prominent King 8, Cheekio Ora 7, Urser 6.

4 05—ACOMB NOVICE HURDLE: Div 2; 2m; £618 (25 runners).

1 1 SEA REPPIN (D) (D. Vinson) J. Leigh 5-11-12 ... P. Blackburn (7)
2 00-01 CAMP KELPIE (Mrs N. Lofthouse) B. Wilkinson 6-11-7 ... G. Harker (7)
4 BIG LAND (Mrs N. Macauley) Mrs N. Macauley 6-11-5 ... K. Sims (7)
10 0 GLORIOUS (M. W. Easterby) M. W. Easterby 7-11-5 ... A. Dickman
11 0 HOUSE OF LORDS (J. Gillow) J. FitzGerald 6-11-5 ... M. Dwyer
12 40-04 LISAKY (Mrs P. Meredith) N. Bycroft 5-11-5
14 04 PRINCE SWEET (G. Richards) G. Richards 5-11-5 ... D. Coakley (4)
19 0P THERE AGAIN (L. Irving) T. Barnes 5-11-5 ... M. Barnes
21 1 TRY TO STOP ME (D) (A. Wilkinson) Denys Smith 4-11-2 ... C. Grant
22 BELLAPORT (J. Barr) Mrs J. Barr 6-11-0 ... Mr N. Tytty (7)
24 FALLOW TIME (E. Condell) D. Moorhead 5-11-0 ... D. Corrigan
26 0 MEADOW MAID (Mrs M. Nowell) M. H. Easterby 5-11-0 ... D. Dutton
28 MRS SPARKS (B. Munro-Wilson) G. Richards 5-11-0 ... N. Doughty
30 SILKEN TURN (W. Ross) M. Lambert 5-11-0 ... A. Charlton (7)
31 0?010 RANNA'S RETREAT * (D) (F. Barlow) D. Yeoman 4-10-11 ... C. Hawkins
32 21230 CHRONICLE LACY (D) (J. Coxon) M. Lambert 4-10-11 ... P. A. Charlton
36 0 GUNNER ROYAL (J. Ridgeon) H. Wharton 4-10-9 ... P. Corrigan (7)
38 JOHNNY FRENCHMAN (P. Bainbridge) A. Watson 4-10-9 ... A. Stringer
39 MARLION (Mrs M. Grant) Miss S. Hall 4-10-9 ... K. Teelan (4)
40 NEW TIMES (T. Hayes) H. Fleming 4-10-9 ... A. Welsh (7)
42 03 BOSSY FOR SPORT (H. Barker) A. Smith 4-10-9 ... J. A. Harris
43 SON OF SPIRITUS (Miss D. Roberts) R. Carter 4-10-9 ... S. McNeill
45 01 MIRAVARNA (C. Wilmot-Smith) C. Gray 4-10-4 ... M. Pepper
47 300P QUALITAIR PRINCESS (Qualitair Eng) K. Stone 4-10-4 ... M. Hindley
48 0 SWISS FRANC SWEETY (A. Smith) M. W. Easterby 4-10-4 ... P. Tuck
Betting forecast: 15-8 Try To Stop Me, 7-2 Sea Reppin, 5 Camp Kelpie, 13-2 Chronicle Lacy, 8 Mrs Sparks, 12 Bossy For Sport.
TOP FORM TIPS: Try To Stop Me 8, Sea Reppin 7, Camp Kelpie 6.

STRATFORD

1 30 Harlow Mill | 3 00 Grima
2 00 Ishkomann | 3 30 Elmboy
2 30 Misty Fort | 4 00 Gambler's Cup

Soft (hurdles): good to soft (chase)

* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Soft (hurdles): good to soft (chase)

1 30—LOXLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE: 2¼m; £771 (21 runners).

2 0-00002 KEEP SAUNTERING (BF) W. G. Turner 6-11-7 ... Miss T. Turner (7)
3 42-0020 QUEENSBURY JOE C. Jackson 5-11-5 ... J. Hurst (7)
4 3010FP EPSYANA M. Madgwick 5-11-5 ... A. Madgwick (4)
5 002-000 PICKET LINE W. Clay 5-10-13 ... S. O'Neill
6 P-C0000 WIDE MISSOURI R. Champion 5-10-13 ... A. Webber
8 224000- AMBER WINDSOR R. Juckes 5-10-11 ... D. Chinn (7)
9 2-F2F30 LORD CHARLES * (BF) R. Perkins 6-10-11 ... Dal Williams
11 40P-000 RIDGEWAY GIRL * P. Burgoyne 5-10-9 R. Dunwoody
12 00-000 GOINGO R. Brown 6-10-9 ... J. Brown (7)
13 0044-P0 SALTRIM C. Jackson 6-10-8 ... J. Burke
14 04100 SOME MOOR R. Hodges 5-10-6
15 023400- SONG BOY R. Hodges 6-10-6
16 0'F0-P0 HARLOW MILL M. Pipe 6-10-6 ... P. Leach
17 00-00 OYSTONS WINDMILL P. Oliver 6-10-6 ... R. Crank
18 2-40440 LIFT HIGH D. R. Tucker 6-10-5 ... S. McNeill
20 4P'0F0J CHEVRULLAH D. C. Tucker 6-10-3
22 20-2F00 SOLITAIRE * B. Hicks 5-10-3 ... S. Morshead
23 0P004-0 MR CHOW C. Bridgett 6-10-2 ... Mr C. Bridgett
28 000/0-3 TOO OFTEN K. Bridgwater 6-10-2 ... W. Worthington (7)
29 P0-2F STORMY HAZE P. Holder 5-10-2 ... P. Murphy
30 000-P00 DRUM MAKER B. Forsey 5-10-2 P. Croucher (4)
Betting forecast: 9-2 Keep Sauntering, 5 Epsyana, 11-2 Lord Charles, 6 Wide Missouri, 8 Harlow Mill, Some Moor.

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2 0—LADBROKE CREDIT EXPRESS HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m: £3,376 (11 runners).

1 140/01- KRUG S. Mellor 7-11-10 ... A. Webber
7 00-0110 ISHKOMANN (D) (BF) J. Spearing 5-10-13 A. Webb
8 F000-000 PATRICK'S FAIR (CD) R. Peacock 9-10-9 ... D. Browne
9 U41-P04 BROAD BEAM (D) Mrs M. Rimell 5-10-6 ... S. Morshead
10 411F02 CHARCOAL WALLY (D) R. Hodges 6-10-4 ... P. Croucher (4)
12 14F-11 BOLD ILLUSION (D) M. W. Eckley 7-10-0 W. Morris
13 010010 COMEDY FAIR (D) M. H. Easterby 5-10-0 P. Dever
16 0013-00 MOUNTAIN MAN (D) R. Brazington 9-10-0 C. Jones
19 00002P HEVER * (CD) (BF) M. Pipe 10-10-0 P. Leach
20 410F21 BATON MATCH (7lb ex) (D) M. Chapman 5-10-0 ... G. Evans (7)
22 034-300 INCANDESCE (D) W. Clay 6-10-0 ... S. O'Neill
Betting forecast: 6-4 Bold Illusion, 7-2 Ishkomann, 4 Broad Beam, 6 Patrick's Fair, 10 Krug, Charcoal Wally.

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2 30—HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP CHASE: 2¼m: £3,590 (4 runners).

1 142-311 DIRECT LINE J. Fitzgerald 11-11-10 ... K. O'Leary
2 01P-103 JUGADOR P. Haynes 10-11-0 ... A. Webb
3 U20310 BASHFUL LAD (D) M. Oliver 10-10-0 ... A. Webber
4 13-01P1 MISTY FORT T. Forster 7-10-0 ... R. Dunwoody
Betting forecast: Evens Misty Fort, 11-8 Direct Line, 6 Jugador.

3 0—AVON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE: 2m; £1,654 (10 runners).

1 4-P00U1 ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT (D) Mrs W. Sykes 8-11-10 ... S. Morshead
3 00F 0- NORTAN CAVALIER M. H. Easterby 10-11-5 ...
5 20-P023 GRIMA J. Dodson 8-10-10 ... M. Richards
8 0-33124 FLYING MISTRESS J. Webber 7-10-7 ... Doubtful
9 0P0/00- ESSEX J. Bukmets 10-10-6 ... J. Burke
11 00/BF MATISON M. Madgwick 7-10-4 ... A. Madgwick (4)
12 02100-3 HARDY RANCH O. Brennan 6-10-2 ... M. Brennan
14 2-2P0-0 THE CLIFTONIAN P. Butler 7-10-0 G. Williams (7)
15 F3-002F HINTON CORNER P. Hayward 8-10-0 ... C. Mann
16 0 PF0-0 FED LINE W. G. Mann 8-10-0 ... P. Carvill
18 000-000 SIRRAGE S. Holmes 6-10-0 ... L. Bloomfield
Betting forecast: 2 Itsgottabealright, 11-4 Grima, 7-2 Nortan Cavalier, 6 Hardy Ranch, 8 Hinton Corner.

3 30—CREDIT CALL CUP (HUNTER CHASE): Amateur Riders; 3¼m: £705 (20 runners).

1 111- ELKSBOY W. Mawle 7-12-10 ... A. Hill (7)
2 CUF3?F- RUSHBURY C. Sidwick 10-12-10 ... B. Dowling (7)
3 114F12- SPARTAN RAMBLER (C/D) K. Hutsby 8-12-10 ... C. O'Toole (7)
4 0/1U2- BRENT MYSTERY (C) A. Luff 9-12-7 D. Luff (7)
5 30114- CAPTAIN TONY Mrs S. Davenport 8-12-7 ... R. Matthias (7)
7 OFF/01- AYRESOME Mrs W. Benyon Brown 10-12-2 ... Mrs C. Tellwright (7)
8 0 BARNABY SAM R. Fellows 6-12-0 ... Miss L. Fellows (7)
9 P/4PP1- BLUE BEANS B. Rendell 10-12-0
11 P20 HANDY MARK R. Eckley 11-12-0 P. Eckley (7)
12 002RP0- HIGH CLASS AGENT M. Churches 7-12-0 ... L. Harvey (7)
13 IRISH JIG B. Connally 9-12-0 ... B. Connally (7)
14 F1- LUCHGELLO N. Jones 9-12-0 ... N. Jones
15 GF0/00- MISTER MAXWELL C. Holmes 10-12-0 J. Tuite (7)
16 4F 4- MORETON D. H. Brown 11-12-0 A. Rebori (7)
18 03330P- SIDBURY HILL S. Pike 9-12-0 ... Mr. A. J. Wilson
19 P. SIR CAMELOT Mrs A. Price 10-12-0
20 F0F0' SPARTAN REGIME R. Perkins 10-12-0 G. Wragg (7)
21 42P+P1- VILLAGE MARK J. Cam 11-12-0 ... Doubtful
22 P'PFRF- DAINTY DOLLY Grenville Richards 10-11-9 ... M. Richards (7)
23 OL' BLUE EYES Miss V. Hill 12-11-9 ...
Betting forecast: 16-8 Elmboy, 4 Captain Tony, 11-2 Brent Mystery, 7 Luchgello, 8 High Class Agent

4 0—CHARLECOTE NOVICE HURDLE: 4-Y-0; 2m; £958 (17 runners).

1 103020 BALUCHI * (D) B. Preece 11-3 ... P. Dever
2 10P ROYAL CHARGE (D) D. Wellicome 11-3 M. Bastard
5 0 BELVOIR PATROL D. R. Tucker 10-10 ... S. McNeill
7 00 BRUNDEAN BREEZE R. Juckes 10-10 ... P. Carvill
8 CATON BOY D. Sherwood 10-10 ... Mr S. Sherwood
10 0 COMHAMPTON F. Yardley 10-10 ... C. Smith
13 0 GAMBLER'S CUP F. Winter 10-10 ... B. de Haan
18 JETS FRIPON A. Barrow 10-10 ... R. Hoare
20 LOG CABIN W. Clay 10-10 ... S. O'Neill
22 03 MUSIC WONDER R. Hodges 10-10 ... P. Croucher
23 NOUREEZ G. Thorner 10-10 ... P. Barton
24 3F0 PRINCE RAMBORO Mrs M. Rimell 10-10 S. Morshead
25 00 PURPLE F. Jordan 10-10 ... R. Hyett
27 STANAUDBOU R. Champion 10-10 ... A. Webber
29 TARAIUS P. Kelleway 10-10 ... R. Dunwoody
36 GILLIE'S WAFFLE J. Cosgrave 10-5 ... W. Morris
39 004 MAGIC W. Wharton 10-5 ... M. Brennan
Betting forecast: 9-11 Gambler's Cup, 4 Baluchi, 6 Music Wonder, Prince Rambero, 8 Taraius, 10 Caton Boy.

Big race date for Kingswick

Champion jockey John Francome was involved in two stewards inquiries at Sandown yesterday before getting back on the winning road with Kingswick in division two of the February Novices Hurdle.

Kingswick was the champion's first success since riding Wing and a Prayer here on January 5th. Successful on the flat last year for Yorkshire trainer Mick Naughton, Kingswick is now trained by Fred Winter and the gelding started 8-11 favourite to make a winning debut.

Francome, back last Monday from his midwinter break in Barbados, always had Kingswick in a prominent position, took the lead at the second last and went on to win by five lengths. "Kingswick joined me in mid-December and will have one more run before Cheltenham, where he is entered in the two and a half mile Sun Alliance Hurdle," said the trainer.

That race is also the target for Oxhey Cottage, trainer Nick Henderson's 8,200 Irish Punts bargain buy. The chestnut landed division one of the Novice Hurdle, also by five lengths. "A big baby, so I never raced him last year. He was brought down in his first race, then ran a decent second at Newbury. He's still green and improved a lot now," said Henderson.

Francome finished second to Oxhey Cottage on Emerald Watson and a stewards inquiry found that the champion's mount had interfered with third placed Hunter River at and after the last hurdle. Satisfied the interference was accidental, they let the placing stand.

In the next race, The Park Handicap Chase, Francome finished second on Toirdealbhach, threequarters of a length behind Lefrak City, and objected to the winner for "leaning on me on the run-in." The stewards again found interference had taken place but that it was also accidental and the result was unchanged.

Jenny Pitman saddled the first two home in the Wavendon Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

For punters, though, the pair were the wrong way round, Misty Dale (7-1) beating stable-companion Grundy Glow, the 7-4 favourite, by eight lengths and completing a hat-trick of victories this season.

RESULTS

SANDOWN

1.30 (2m Hdle): 1, OXHEY COTTAGE, S. Smith Eccles (5-1); 2, Emerald Watson (5-1); 3, Hunter River (11-10 fav). Also: 16 Harbour Bridge 6th, Music Lover p.u., Silent Surrender, 20 Edenspring, Grants Castle, St Andrew's Bay 5th, Superline, Torymore Green, 25 Penny Royal, 33 Charlie November p.u., Ten In Hand, 50 Castilore Lad p.u., Flag Of Truce, Jagatek, Jezail p.u., Snowball Danny 4th, Tudor Square, Ligosite (21 ran). 5l, 4, 5, 3, 4, ½. (N. Henderson). Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.70; £1.20. DF: £6.80. CSF: £32.03.

2.0 (2m Ch): 1, LEFRAK CITY, H. Davies (9-2); 2, Toirdealbhach (9-2); 3, Spanish Streak (33-1). Also: 9-4 fav Brave George, 11-2 River Rhein 6th, 8 Lacafar 5th, 10 Falkland Palace 4th (7 ran). ¾l, 20, 3, 5, 25 (T. Forster). Tote: £5.10; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £7.30. CSF: £21.21.

2.30 (3m Ch): 1, MZMBRIDGE, R. Dunwoody (20-1); 2, Gaeta An Uisce (8-1); 3, Emperor Charles (7-2 fav). Also: 4 Wyford 4th, 9-2 Sign Again u.r., 11-2 Upham Kelly u.r., 9 Golden Minstrel p.u., Sir Kenwin 5th, 33 Ryedale ref (9 ran). 12l, 12l, 4, 1½ (P. Dufosee). Tote: £15.20; £2.0, £2.80, £2.30; DF £162.30; CSF: £148.29.

3.05 (2½m Ch): 1, FURTHER THOUGHT, Mr T. Thomson Jones (15-8 fav); 2, Royal Judgement (11-4); 3, Prince's Risk (16-1). Also: 7-2 Henry Kissinger 5th, 11-2 Lakin 4th, 8 Fixed Price f, 50 Coolerin Boy pu, Tozzenberg 6th. (8 ran). 20l, dis, 7, ½, 25. (Mr V. Bergh). Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £1.60, £1.20. Dual F: £7.00. CSF: £7.61.

3.35 (2m 5f Hdle): 1, MISTY DALE, M. Bowlby (7-1); 2, Grundy Glow (7-4 fav); 3, The Joestan (7-1). Also: 15-2 Champagne Charlie 4th, 9 Fortune Cookie pu, 10 Polish, 12 Martial Commander 6th, Wellfield f, 14 Pacifist, 33 Ling f, Lisarda, 66 Fine Tale 5th, Dartcan Caribbie pu. (14 ran). 8l, 10, 2, dist, 8. (Mrs J. Pitman). Tote: £8.80; £2.10, £1.80, £2.30. Dual F: £6.00. CSF: £18.96. Tricast: £85.01.

4.05 (2m Hdle): 1, KINGSWICK, J. Francome (8-11 fav); 2, The Argonaut (11-4); 3, Rodeurs (8-1). Also: 12 Rum 4th, 33 Alpine Air f, Star Of Salford, Stingo 6th, 50 Backpacker 5th, Foxhaven, Giles Cross, Liberty Walk ref, Mend Your Ways, Point Clear, Winslow pu, Acer Diamond, (15 ran). 5l, 4, 25, 6, 1. (F. Winter). Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £1.50, £1.20. Dual F. £2.00. CSF: £3.23.

TOTE DOUBLE: £343.35. TREBLE: £13.80. JACKPOT: Not won. £8,836.44 carried forward to Sandown today. Single winner bonus: £22,047.95 carried to Sandown today. PLACEPOT: £12.15.

NEWTON ABBOT

1.45 (2m Hdle): 1, KESCAST, B. Powell (10-11 fav); 2 Imperial Chamonnes (33-1); 3, Hasty Thief (7-1). Also: 7 Cop Yourself On pu, 10 Candy Man, 11 Little 4th, 12 Arrogance pu, 14 Lady Brooklyn, 16 Sharp Parson, 20 Another Flip f, Clayhill Girl pu, Wild Queen 6th, 33 Prince Vidar 5th, Thistle Blue. (14 ran). 15l, 25, 5, 15, 8 (L. Kennard). Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £4.90, £2.00. Dual F: £35.70. C.S.F.: £36.59.

2.15 (3m Ch): 1, FIRE DRILL, A. Jones (13-2); 2 Pomposity (8-1); 3, Bickleigh (7-1). Also: 3 Jt favs Bickleigh Bridge pu, Romairie pu, 8 Golden Hornet, 5th, 9 Mood Music 4th, 10 Captain Pat pu (8 ran). 1l, 8, 8, 25 (K. Bishop). Tote: £4.50; £2.20, £2.0, £2.20. Dual F: £43.00; C.S.F.: £51.18.

2.45 (2m 5f Hdle): 1, GOLD TYCOON, A. Webb (3-1 fav); 2, Saratina (7-1); 3, Golden Brigadier (10-1); 4, Mahlon Lady (9-1). Also: 6 Wild Corn, 8 Road to Mandalay, 12 Commonty, Stand Easy f, 14 Silver Ace p.u., 20 Miss Willie 6th, Mossot p.u., Princess Isis, Tight Turn p.u., 25 Toulouse 5th, Getting Plenty, 33 Shoutitout, 66 Only A Fool p.u., Toatley Able (18 ran). 7l, 1, 5, 6, 1½ (J. Spearing). Tote: £4.10; £2.0, £1.80, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £8.70; CSF: £25.43; Tricast: £186.44.

3.15 (2m Hdle): 1 CORRAGARY, C. Brown (8-13 fav); 2, Esker House (11-2); 3, 1 Amesid (33-1). Also: 8 Chase The Clouds 4th, 9 Hay Fever 6th, 14 Newton Park pu, 25 Eleji pu, Mr Bennington 5th, 33 Smooth Operator. (9 ran). 1l, 15, 20, 11, dist (D. Elsworth). Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £5.80. Dual F: £2.40. CSF: £4.83.

3.45 (3¼m Ch): 1, BAY FOREST, S. McNeill (5-2); 2, Arctic Mariner (9-4 jt-fav); 3 Gilded Gamble (14-1). Also: 9-4 jt-fav Master Smudge 4th, 7 Prince Buskins 5th. (5 ran). 10l, dist, 3, dist. (Mrs E. Kennard). Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.60. Dual F: £4.30. CSF: £7.90.

4.15 (2m Hdle): 1, ISOM DART, B. Wright (10-1) 2 Flaming Pearl (8-11 fav); 3, Taranis Queen (20-1). Also: 5 Record Red pu, 7 Boldaine 4th, 8 Mahuba Hill 6th 20 Bally Code 5th, Blue Sparkle, Clever Angle, Doubtful Pact, Kano Flower, Tom's Whatsisname, 25 Chezari, 33 Cervante Sovereign pu, Chilly Miss pu, Inca Thief. (16 ran). 4l, 12, 25, 6, 3. (R. B. Hallett). Tote: £12.00; £3.40, £1.40, £7.20. Dual F: £13.60. CSF: £20.61.

PLACEPOT: £29.20.

KELSO

1.00 (3m Ch): 1, JOCKAMBEL, D. Coakley (Evens fav); 2, Woodburgh (9-1); 3, Rabesca (33-1). Also: 5 Springwood f, 7 Imperial Amber f, 10 Carrigtohill ur, 12 Hazel's Pet pu, 20 Day of Wishes ur, Royal Jet f, 33 Royal Ruby pu. (10 ran). 15l, 30. (D. Thomson). Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.20, £8.20. Dual F.: £13.50. CSF: £10.97.

1.30 (2m Hdle): 1, WARREN GORSE, W. Hayes (7-2 Jt Fav); 2, La Ol Da (5-1); 3, Part-Ex (7-2 Jt Fav). Also: 11-2 Claymore 4th, 8 Red Ripple 5th, 12 Calaman pu, Little Twant 6th, 20 Babbling Brook pu, Erroll's Elite. (9 ran). 2l, 10, 7, 30, 24. (S. Avery). Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.40, £1.90; Dual F.: £4.40. CSF: £19.24.

2.0 (3m Ch): 1, MISTY SPIRIT, A. Stringer (6-1); 2, Go Leave (9-4 fav); 3, Hazy Day (9-2). Also: 9-2 Binge 4th, 7 Frosty Touch pu, 10 Stumle Burgh pu, 20 Avon Oak pu, 25 Wensleydale pu, Swaffham 5th, 66 Timeless Flight f. (10 ran) 8l, 15, dist. (D. Lee). Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £1.20, £1.10. Dual F: £8.80. CSF: £18.82.

2.30 (2m Hdle): 1, FERGY FOSTER, R. Lamb (4-1); 2, Proud Cee (6-4 fav); 3, Sea Sand (14-1). Also: 7 Rushyford, Digger Barnes 5th, 11 Perfect Image, 12 Dan d'Or 4th, 33 Abbey Boy, Slochd ro, Miss Krugerrand 6th, Sweetly Gives. (11 ran). 2l, 15, 8, 8, 7. (W. A. Stephenson). Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £1.70, £14.20. Dual F: £8.60. CSF: £9.87.

3.00 (2m Ch): 1, BADSWORTH BOY, R. Earnshaw (1-3 fav); 2, Press Gang (9-1); 3, Quay Man (10-1). Also: 9 Veiled City 5th, 20 Somerled 4th, Super Solo pu. (6 ran). 8l, 10, 12, 2½. (Mrs M. Dickinson). Tote: £1.10; £1.40, £1.30. Dual F: £2.40. CSF: £4.23.

3.30 (2m Hdle): 1, MISS GOLDINGAY, M. Hindley (evens fav); 2, Jeea (33-1); 3, Cheerful Days (6-4). Also: 8 Rabirius 6th, 20 Fifty Quid Short, 25 Special Settlement 4th; 33 Around Town 5th, 50 Tocodesu pu, Kuwait Taxi pu. (9 ran). 20l, 11, 2½, 2, 15. (M. W. Easterby). Tote: £2.20; £1.00, £2.80, £1.60. Dual F: £46.90. CSF: £29.31.

4.00 (2½m Ch): 1, FOX-U-MORE, T. G. Dun (2-1 fav); 2, Little Frenchman (9-4); 3, Mountain Hays (11-2). Also: 11-2 Stand Back pu, Twiflight pu, 15-2 Solo Sam 4th. (6 ran). 8l, 5, 15. (K. Oliver). Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.30. Dual F: £2.00. CSF: £6.83.

PLACEPOT: £1.90.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap: FLAREY SARK (2.50 Sandown)
Next best: BEAT THE RETREAT (3.50 Sandown)



CHESS

Leonard Barden

FIDE, the International Chess Federation, has just issued a new 1985 world ranking list which demonstrates how the underpublicised British challenge to the Russian chess empire continues to gather pace. Britain has a man in the top 10, John Nunn, for the first time this century; three Britons are in the top 20, more than any other nation except the USSR.

Ratings incorporate results from the Salonica olympics but exclude the Moscow world title marathon: Kasparov still leads with 2715, ahead of Karpov 2705, Timman (Netherlands) 2650, Vaganian 2640, Portisch (Hungary) and Belyavsky 2635, Korchnoi (Switzerland) 2630, Polugaevsky 2625, Nunn (England) and Ribli (Hungary) 2615. Murray Chandler is 16th with 2585, Tony Miles joint 20th with 2570.

Britain's 19-year-old champion, Nigel Short, is outside the magic circle with 2535 points, in about 45th place. But since the mid-December cut-off date for computing the FIDE list, Short has been joint winner of the CGL Brighton zonal, putting his rating up to 2540; and has crushed US titleholder Lev Alburt 7-1 in a match, enhancing his rating to 2565-2570.

A couple of comparisons highlight the significant gains for our young grandmasters. The player immediately below Chandler on the new list is ex-world champion Boris Spassky; while Short's rating, recalculated after Brighton and the Alburt match, puts him level with ex-champion Mikhail Tal.

The British Chess Federation has just issued a public appeal for help towards costs for our players in the 1985 interzonals, aimed at "a first British world title candidate." The appeal of course merits wide support (the BCF's address is 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex) but the target is too modest.

Under revised FIDE rules the candidates tournament at Montpelier, France, in October 1985, will have an expanded 16 players; they do not include Karpov and Kasparov who are exempt till the match stages. Thus on current form Nunn, Miles, and the fast improving Short are all in with a definite chance to qualify for Montpelier.

Early results from the Hoogoven tournament now in progress at Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands, confirm Nunn's new 2600 super-grandmaster status. He defeated Viktor Korchnoi in the opening round as White in an Exchange variation Ruy Lopez; then beat another 2600 rival in a truly brilliant game.

Alexander Belyavsky (USSR) — John Nunn (England)
King's Indian Defence (Wijk aan Zee 1985)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3	2 P-QB4 P-KN3
3 N-QB3 B-N2	4 P-K4 P-Q3
5 P-B3 0-0	6 B-K3 QN-Q2
7 Q-Q2 P-B4	8 P-Q5 N-K4
9 P-KR3 N-R4!	10 B-B2 P-B4
11 PxP RxP	12 P-KN4 RxP!

White's ambitious opening (8 KN-K2 is more solid than 8 P-Q5, and 9 P-KR3 underestimates Black's reply) has fallen headlong into a prepared variation. Nunn analysed the black system with teammates Mestel and Speelman during the Salonica olympics and they probed as far as Black's 14th in the present game. Their conclusion: Black has a very dangerous attack for his sacrificed piece. White must now take the knight since 13 NxR? NxN ch loses at once.

13 PxN Q-B1	14 N-K4 B-R3
15 Q-B2 Q-B5	16 N-K2 RxB!

Enlarging his investment to a full rook, but the deficit has only nominal significance. White's QR might as well be in the box, his cluttered forces are disorganised, while Black has a motorway down the KB file.

17 NxR N-B6 ch	18 K-Q1 Q-R5
19 N-Q3 B-B4	20 N(2)-B1 N-Q7
21 PxP PxP	22 B-N2 NxP

Threatening a king-queen fork.

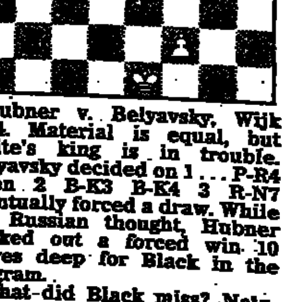
23 Q-B2 N-K6 ch	24 K-K2 Q-QB5
25 B-B3 R-KB1	26 R-KN1 N-B7

Now both NxR and N-N5 loom, and White has no defence.

27 K-Q1 BxN(Q6) 28 Resigns

A remarkable win which will surely grace future anthologies.

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Hubner v. Belyavsky, Wijk 1984. Material is equal, but White's king is in trouble. Belyavsky decided on 1 ... P-R4 when 2 B-K3 B-K4 3 R-N7 eventually forced a draw. While the Russian thought, Hubner worked out a forced win 10 moves deep for Black in the diagram.

What did Black miss? Naturally a hard puzzle — Belyavsky is currently world No. 5, and he couldn't solve it.

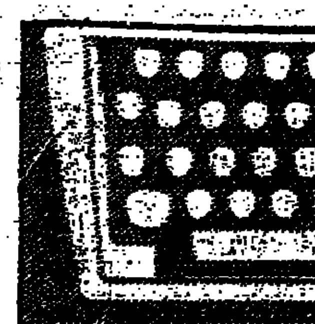
Solution No. 1840: White K at QR7, Ps at K5 and KB6. Black K at QN4, R at K1, P at QN2. White to move: what result? A draw: 1 P-B7 R-KB1 2 P-K6 P-N3 3 K-N7 (3 P-K7? RxP wins) K-B4 4 P-K7! (4 K-B7? K-Q4 5 K-Q7 K-K4 6 K-K7 R-KR1 wins) RxP 5 K-R6! RxP stalemate (a study by L Kubbel, 1916).



CHESS

Leonard Barden

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DIARY

THE NEW breed of young Tory politicians is quite something. Regard the goings-on amongst the young things at Cambridge University — "a mini-Watergate," as the local paper has it.

Mr Andrew Fox, 21, a member of the Conservative Association (CUCA) and a fervent supporter of South Africa, suspects ballot-rigging during election of officials. He lures officials to his room and informs them he has bugged their rooms. Startled officials confess all. Suave Mr Fox duly confesses he has not, after all, bugged their rooms, but he has been tape recording THIS conversation and will be sending the tape to Mr John (Selwyn) Gummer. Mr Gummer is sure to enjoy the denouement, which goes as follows:

Gates: "Bugged Jeremy Oates's room? You mean you got all that?"

Heckels: "You're a megahack — that's absolutely marvellous."

Gates: "You're kidding. Ytu can't, you can't. Oh my God! Where's the bug?"

Fox: "In the speaker. I am sure we can all resolve it in sensible way."

Heckels: "What are you offering?"

Fox: "I'm offering nothing. I have all the cards."

I know, I know. The dialogue is terrible. But there is a satisfying scream from Gates when Fox reveals the hidden recorder. This is not before Heckels has suggested the (non-existent) tape could be doctored simply to incriminate Blackwood (chairman) and Oates (returning officer), who in any case laugh off the conversation as a hoax on Mr Fox.

These details will surely restore Mrs Thatcher's faith in our older universities. CUCA has produced many of our most distinguished parliamentarians in the past — Mr. Gummer, Mr Leon Brittan and Mr Tam Dalyell to name but a few.

CHOO! Choo! The Captain Bob Express finally ran out of chuff yesterday at the end of its mammoth round-Britain-but-not-Ireland tour. Literally. It broke down, for the second time in a week, en route from Nottingham to Southampton, causing the welcoming big cheeses of that city to hang around in a pub near the station for more than an hour. Cap'n Bob has himself also run out of steam and has been somewhat taciturn these past few days. This is because he has laryngitis and has lost his voice. Chuff! Chuff!

THE anniversary of the execution of King Charles I was celebrated as normal on January 30 by the Society of King Charles the Martyr, an esoteric group on the rainbow fringes of high church/right-wing/monarchist/Anglo-catholic frontiers who hope and pray for the late king's canonisation. An altar was set up in Banqueting House in Whitehall — the scene of his execution supposedly consecrated by his spilled blood. Much gin was drunk. All in all, a funny sort of gathering for Mr John (Selwyn) Gummer to be found addressing, expressing his hope that the spirit of King Charles would enter the heart of the Bishop of Durham. But not, one hopes, his neck.

THE CURRENT Police Review, meanwhile, indulges — canine-style — in a little chewing up of the official Met paper, the Job. Ms Karen McCall, who recently left the Job's staff, alleges official interference in news stories, censorship of letters and accuses "brave and decisive" officers of behaving like "fussy old women when it comes to the printed word." Mr Malcolm Johnson, the Yard's news chief, denies that the paper is "just a management tool." "This is very sad — she was a very good journalist and I liked her. Some of her points had a certain amount of accuracy several years ago but nowadays they're a bit out of order."

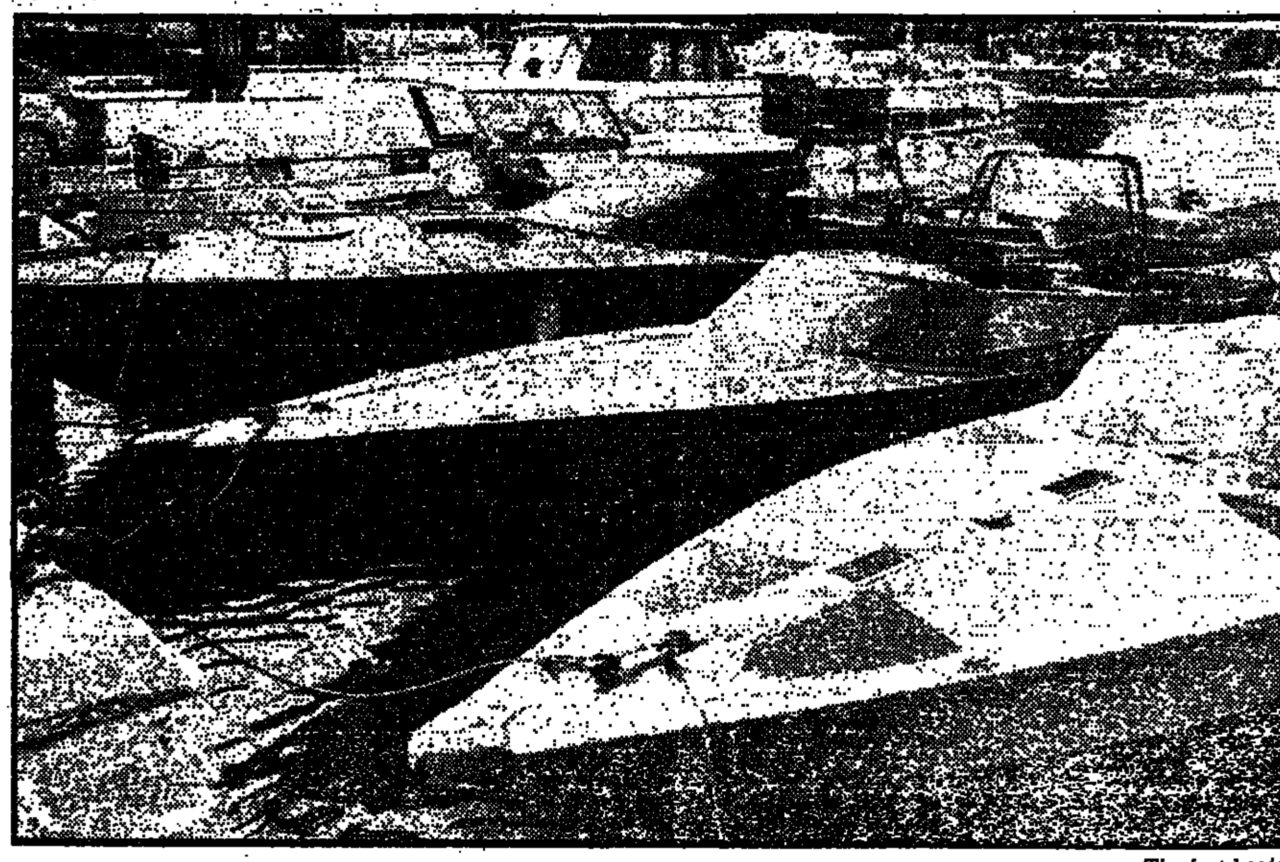
THAT the chairman of the Police Federation, Mr Leslie Curtis, wasn't at yesterday's ceremony in honour of the late WPC Yvonne Fletcher is, it may safely be inferred, not unconnected with the breakdown in relations between the Federation and Mr Michael Winner, the organiser of the ceremony.

So incensed was Mr Winner by the diary's disclosure last December that officers from Miss Fletcher's own station had expressed their resentment of his action in a letter to Police magazine that he threatened to sue the Federation. But such was his rage that his dire threats were directed at Police Review, a quite different magazine and wholly innocent of libel, alleged or otherwise.

Alan Rusbridger

As Spain prepares to open the border and Ministers meet to discuss Gibraltar's fate, DAVID SEARS reports on the smuggling industry of Britain's contraband colony

What keeps the Rock afloat



The fast boats that make a fast profit around the Rock

ON ALMOST any evening, long after the sun has set behind Spain, Gibraltarians can hear the "blue boats" rumble out of Sheppard Marina, into the Bay of Gibraltar and beyond.

Rarely can you actually see the boats by night. Even the most rudimentary "transporter" is as elusive as a snipe, invisible as a chamelion—and profitable beyond speculation.

By day, the boats are moored at Sheppard, Camber Harbour, Marina Bay and elsewhere. Their racy, low profile hulls are crudely-painted deep blue or grey, windshields too, and the only part of a vessel more than an arm's length above the waterline is the awkward radar housing, over a meter in diameter and painted so as not to reflect light. Some of them are all engine and fuel tank, leaving little room for the two man crew and their contraband cargo.

"If we were smugglers we wouldn't be here. The British government wouldn't allow it." Freddie affably smiles at the paradox. It is not in the best interests of any government to condone smuggling, and the British government allows its citizens to own any type of recreation vessel they desire, in any colour—it's as simple as that. In Gibraltar, there happens to be a big demand for very fast pleasure boats.

Freddie and his older brother, Raphael, are specialists in "customised" motorboats. "We prepare a boat for business," Freddie says. "We prepare it, they take it. We start the engines, they take it out and drive it around the Rock, come back and pay cash." The business has a good repuation among their clients who are mostly businessmen from the Mediterranean countries, whem he says are encouraged by the simplicity of just doing busines with them. "In Gibraltar, in Britain, it's democracy, you sign a paper and go. In Italy, Spain, it'll take you a year to stamp all the papers and sign everything."

The Midnight Express, a factory's one-off 25-foot experimental design, is propelled over the water by three 340-horsepower engines to speeds estimated by Raphael at 60 knots—maybe 70 miles-per-hour. He claims he never runs the boat flat-out: "If their boats only do 35 knots. . ." he says with a self-effacing shrug.

"Their boats" are the property of the governments of Spain, Morocco, Portugal and several others, including Gibraltar. Yes, they admit, some of their business may indeed be conducted outside the strict interpretation of somebody's laws, but, they stress, that misses the point. The Express is the tool of a fully-licensed ship chandlery service, not a rum-runner.

Gibraltar's laws permits the export of taxed goods, or in some circumstances untaxed cigarettes and liquor from bonded warehouses, by "vessels. . . engaged in the unloading or loading of cargo or the carrying of supplies from or to a vessel in the Bay." Thus, a licensed "bumboat" may, and very often does, leave the Bay of Gibraltar carrying ten duty-free cases of cigarettes, originally ordered and ultimately rubber-stamped through customs, to a freighter waiting at anchor several miles offshore.

What becomes of the cargo is of practically no concern to the Gibraltar Customs or British Police authorities. "If the purser of the ship, the master, whoever, does something else with the cigarettes, that's not my concern—unless they come back into Gibraltar," says the Revenue Commissioner, Henry Smart. But, he adds, ten is the limit "Fifteen cases may go for smuggling, in my opinion."

Yet ten cases of cigarettes or fifteen is not the issue. "I can't make money by that," says Raphael. "My engines use 60 gallons an hour."

"I meet with a mother ship, you can call it, anchored in international waters, and I load more cigarettes. I just run the cartons back and forth between other boats all night. My boat is fast, we can move a lot."

Raphael lowers his head in thought. "We are not smugglers. Smugglers are the people who come here to see us and say, 'our (mother ship), is here and will you take this there,'" meaning to slower boats, often fishing boats, waiting off some other country's coastline. "How they do it, where they put it in (on shore), it's not our business. We are just transporters. We take it from A to B, they take it from B to C."

In the tiny, isolated Crown Colony of Gibraltar, 35,000 people packed into less than three square-miles, the night-riding bumboats are generally viewed with tongue-in-cheek. Indeed, when a Moroccan merchant strolls along picturesque Main Street and buys 3,000 pairs of blue jeans, 400 cases of instant coffee, 50 colour televisions, two score video machines and a thousand cassettes, nobody harbours the illusion that customs in Tangier will see the Merchandise.

In compliance with the law, the businessman's purchases are eventually trucked to a local chandlery firm. A delivery time is set, perhaps the middle of some dark night, and the goods will leave the Rock for a "half water" transfer with the businessman's own expeditors. It's an arrangement that makes almost everyone happy — in Gibraltar.

"These guys (the boat operators) are keeping the economy working to a certain extent," says a native Gibraltarian. The local economy is the pre-eminent concern on the Rock, which must now deal with its worst-ever financial crisis: the mother-government's decision to close down the community's largest source of employment and revenue, the Naval dockyard.

Compounding their economic woes, in 1983, the government to the immediate north, east and west shrewdly cracked the lone frontier gate, after having sealed it tight over a decade earlier. The act, first viewed as one of conciliation and good will created what amounts to a one-way flow of currency out of Gibraltar: Returning home to Gib with bags brim-full of cheap Spanish fruits and vegetables is an easy matter, but entering Spain with a radio or a camera around the neck is not — it simply is not allowed.

The constricted frontier is due, in part, to the potential competition Gibraltar represents to the two Spanish duty-free colonies of Ceuta and Melilla, just across the straits on the northern tip of Morocco. Such restriction exist nowhere else in Western Europe, and they are received by Gibraltarians as nothing less than a direct personal insult. "Smuggling is good for the economy," says one jaded resident. "The frontier is not good for the economy."

"Por la cara" is a term well-used in Gibralter, where the Queen's English is regarded as a second language in favour of Andaluz Spanish. Directly translated it means "in the face," a blatant, "cheeky" act of defiance in the face of the law.

"It used to be fun, you might say," says Mr Smart, recalling the "old days" of smuggling. "They move the whisky, we catch them, we're still friends the next day. Unfortunately, they moved into drugs." It is precisely here that the familial, por la cara camaraderie of the cloistered community breaks down. "We look on smuggling like it's business," says one native. "You can smuggle anything — jeans, Nescafe, videos, perfume, silk. But when it comes to dope, it's something else. It's immoral."

Raphael regards the issue of drugs not as one of morality, but rather as a conflict of opinion between a government and the people who choose to use them.

"Hashish, I use it myself once in a while. It's natural Look at what happens when a Navy ship comes in, or several ships. They all have whisky and more whisky and then they're falling down, breaking up the city, climbing all over cars. But you see the chap off to the side who has had a little marijuana, and what's he doing? Smiling."

Yet Raphael has his limits, too. "Heroin, LSD — that's chemical, that's not natural. Other people might transport it, I won't." Guns? He treads carefully: "I was in Belgium walking around some streets, and what do I see there? Grenades! Right in the windows, and bazookas. In Florida, you can just walk into a store and buy a machine gun!" He leaves the question hanging without really answering.

Algeciras, to the west of Gibraltar along the Bay, was until recently a major point of entry into Spain for Moroccan hashish. Culeros, with drugs packed where the moon never shines, passed easily through customs until the introduction of a whole-body X-ray machine, which the Spanish claim is "extremely effective" in curtailing drug traffic coming off the ferry from Centa and Melilla.

As a consequence, however, demand surged in the half-water trade and today Mr Morello, who refers to the boatsmen as "mainly . . . true sporters," scoffs at their claims. "Their excuse is that they only do exportation, transportation. Did you ever ask them when the last time was they made such a trip? Ask them. They don't remember when the last time was."

The Rock is the symbolic hub of trade in the Western world. Virtually everything produced or demanded by central or eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East passes through the nine-mile wide international waterway between Gibraltar and Morocco, the oceans providing by far the cheapest means of transportation.

The textbook maritime bottleneck, it is only natural that under the shadow of the Rock thrives one of the world's most active smuggling conclaves, and always has.

Mr Morello believes the "modern age" of smuggling began between 1940 and 1942, which he terms the "two years of hunger" in Spain following the Civil War, when the Spanish consumer turned to Gibraltar to provide what Generalisimo Francisco Franco could not or would not, mostly cigarettes and whiskey.

Once established, the extra-legal border trade continued almost unchecked for nearly thirty years, until after years of chronic, unheeded complaints Gibraltar was brought to task by its neighbour before the United Nations. Tighter export restrictions were subsequently introduced, effectively placing a leash — albeit a long one — on the covert trade.

But the sudden, irreversible decay of traditional markets was concurrently matched by the advent of a staggering new market — a world-wide demand, this time, for Moroccan hashish.

Previously, all drugs had been considered immoral and were piously shunned by the transporters. But Mr Morello, the Rock's first native-born Police Commissioner, says the logistics of hashish were enticing. "In those days (prior to the 1970s), you had to fill up your boat with cases of cigarettes and whiskey, on the decks, everywhere, just to make a little money.

"Now you have a block about so . . . indicating two-foot (sixty-centimetre) cube, "at a higher speed, lower risk and a lot of money."

Today's sophisticated smugglers move at twice the speed of any patrol launch, and they work under the double veil of secrecy and the moonless sky. That secrecy may be, and often in fact is, compromised by the military's keen observation network, which coordinates closely with Mr Morello's department.

"The only way to stop them would be with a united front by all the countries in the region," says Mr Morello, referring to Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Great Britain. But Gibraltar's officials are cynical about Morocco's attitude to drug trafficking. "What do you expect from a government that exports hashish to every country in Europe and who taxes every Moroccan £50 to come to Gibraltar," asks Sir Joshua Hassan, Prime Minister and Gibraltar's civic and political godfather. His curt assessment is echoed by Mr Smart. "They need the foreign capital," he says, "that's why they're not so keen on stopping the smuggling."

The companionship of Mrs Gaskell and Genghis Khan

ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

MARGARET Drabble wrote to me last week. It was a brief letter; indeed some cynics might dismiss it as no more than a note. But its importance lay in the message *not the description* of the medium. For "M Drabble," as my correspondent signed herself, asked me for help in solving a literary problem which she confessed has puzzled her ever since she read a December Endpiece. Who, she begged me to reveal, was the author of Town And Country, one of the eight great novels which I had revealed, in my inconsequential way, to have been published within a twenty month period in 1847 and 1848.

I cannot pretend that I was not both pleased and flattered to think that the name which will soon appear on the spine of the new Oxford Companion To English Literature was affixed to the bottom of a plea for literary help that was addressed to me. But I do not record either the fact of the letter or the emotions which its arrival stirred within me in order to claim some sort of vicarious distinction. The absurdity of boasting about a passing acquaintance with the Oxford Companion was demonstrated in the letter columns of this paper eight days ago by one Alan Bold who brilliantly demonstrated the truth of the dictum that when it is necessary to proclaim one's qualifications it is invariable better not to do so.

While on the subject of a little learning's dangers, I ought to admit to a sneaking surprise that the editor of such a prestigious work of reference should write to me with a request for so well-known a piece of information. Everybody who is a literary anybody knows, I thought at the time, that the author in question is Mrs Gaskell. What I did not realise was that I was about to celebrate the true joy of ingorance — the pleasure of finding out.

First of all, I was wrong to attribute the authorship of Town And Country to Mrs Gaskell — though it took me some time to discover my error. Putting aside my proper distaste for the lady who wrote that Yorkshiremen "overesteem their own energy and power," I forced myself into turning the pages of the Oxford Companion in the direction of the author who became an expert on the West Riding character from the moment that she got off the train in Keighley to visit her "dear friend Charlotte Bronte." Unfortunately — despite the "keen but short-sighted" pursuit of my immediate interests which is typical of my race — I allowed my attention to be diverted to an entry headed "Genghis Khan."

In the drawers which hold the Sparkbrook constituency correspondence "the great Mongol conqueror 1162-1227)" would be filed under "k." But I both overlooked the error of classification and swallowed down my astonishment that "Khan G" was a figure of sufficent literary merit to justify inclusion in the Oxford Companion. For the whole book is irresistible. Genghis Khan having carried me to the top of page 328, I found it impossible not to read on through Gentilis Alberius ("the most learned lawyer of his time,") Gentleman's Journal ("a periodical edited my Motteux") to Geoffrey of Monmouth. You will be surprised to learn that I knew nothing about any of them. I hope that you will believe with equal certainty that making up the deficiences in my education was an unequivical pleasure.

Having spent — not wasted — half an hour amongst the middle Gs, I finally found "Gaskell, Elizabeth Cleghorn" who wrote a book in 1848, but not Town And Country. It was Mary Barton, "a novel based on the industrial troubles of the years 1842-3 . . . severely criticised by W. R. Grey . . . as hostile to the employers." Naturally enough my next journey was in search of Grey, W. R. I travelled in hope that the absence of (qv) from the passing reference to his literary criticism did not mean that his qualifications for making such judgement were not established somewhere in the Companion. I was, initially, disappointed. But I did discover Grey, Sir Walter Wilson, the author of the Principles of Emendations in Shakespeare. I also learned that Lady Gregory's husband had been the governor of Ceylon.

None of these fascinating facts helped very much in my search for Town And Country, so I turned to the page on which it was reasonable to expect the actual title to appear. Did you know that there are three times as *many* Touchwoods as Touchstones in English history? We are all familiar with the clown in Shakespeare's As You Like It. But the Lord in Congreve's Double Dealer, like the characters in St Ronan's Well and the Beaux Stratagem were previously not items from our literary heritage that bubble forth from the front of my memory — like, for example, that great novel Town And Country, to which the Oxford Companion makes no reference.

What is more, in spite of being listed by Raymond Williams as one of the eight great epoch-making novels of the 19th century, Town And Country does not appear in the London Library Index. Neither is mention of it to be found in the British Museum's catalogue of every book that was ever written — nor in the dozen or so elderly volumes of bibliographical notes which are kept high above the reference room in the House of Commons. Indeed, in Mr Williams's own brilliant study of the English novels, although it is listed with Dombey And Son, Wuthering Heights, Vanity Fair, Jane Eyre, Mary Barton, Tancred and The Tenant Of Wildfell Hall as one of the immortal achievements of the 1840s, no further mention of it appears.

Is it possible that Town And Country is really a trap constructed to catch those who pose as possessing bogus erudition? If so, I fell in with a dull but defeaning thud which mockingly echoed "Mrs Gaskell, Mrs Gaskell, Mrs Gaskell." The only way in which I can solve the dilemma is by writing to Margaret Drabble — not the M Drabble of Mitcham who wrote to me on the subject, but the one who is editing the new edition of the Oxford Companion To English Literature.

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The leaden weight of political lobbying could keep Stansted plan on the ground



SATURDAY NOTEBOOK

MINISTERIAL options on the future of Stansted airport in Essex have been narrowed down considerably following this week's stormy debate in the House of Commons.

Government Ministers, Nicholas Ridley and Ian Gow are not due to decide the future of Stansted until June or July. But this week's debate, which threw up fierce opposition from Tory MPs, has effectively made that decision process even more difficult.

Essentially, the debate on Wednesday has rammed home to Ridley and Gow that development of Stansted airport on the lines suggestd by planning inspector, Graham Eyre is politically unacceptable. Mr Eyre has urged the immediate expansion of Stansted's passenger capacity to 15 million by 1990 from a current rate of around 500,000 people a year, plus the addition of a further 15 million of capacity at Heathrow through the building of a fifth terminal.

Ridley and Gow must therefore weigh the political influences, which are opposed to Stansted expansion, against the influences of the commercial aviation industry which is solidly behind development of Stansted.

Equally Ministers have to weigh up the practical and commercial considerations of putting airports in the parts of the country to where people wish to fly in and out.

As Ridley and Gow reach the final stage of their dual deliberations it is likely that they will be confronted with no more than four realistic options in tackling the urgent problem of providing new airport capacity.

No. 1 — adoption of the Eyre proposals, meaning the immediate expansion of Stansted to 15 million passengers a year by 1990 and the addition of a fifth terminal at Heathrow by 1995/96.

No. 2 — a fudge, sanctioning the modest expansion of Stansted to between 5 and 7 million passengers a year, speeding up the addition of a fifth terminal at Heathrow and diverting more airlines to regional airports like Manchester and Birmingham.

No. 3 — a different fudge, rejecting all expansion at Stansted, approving the Heathrow development and taking up the biggest part of the slack in the regions.

No. 4 — do nothing.

Option one, which is essentially what the aviation industry wants seems a dead duck unless Ridley and Gow are prepared to ignore the political lobby and swing the Eyre proposals on the Cabinet.

There is, of course, no procedural reason why Ridley and Gow should necessarily take into consideration the views of Parliament when making up their minds on what is simply a planning application. Everyone, including local MPs, had ample time to make their representations to the Eyre inquiry which sprawled over 258 days of public hearings. Indeed there was no reason why the Government had to provide Parliamentary time on Wednesday to discuss Stansted.

Option two, alienate almost everyone, would not necessarily solve the problem and could prove pretty expensive.

Boosting Stansted's capacity from around 500,000 people at present to between 5 and 7 million by 1990 would be just as costly in terms of infrastructure expenditure on road and rail links, though possibly acceptable to the Essex communities around the airport.

However the Government also faces some strong political lobbying against more expansion at Heathrow on the basis that those to the West of London have suffered enough from airports.

Nor does the much talked of expansion of the regional airports look a serious option. This is largely because the demand for airport capacity is overwhelming centred in the more prosperous south east and compelling airline passengers to use Manchester or Birmingham would undoubtedly drive airlines away from using Britain.

The regional lobby's case is well founded on the general principle that the fat cats in the south east would be getting yet another huge injection of capital investment at a time when unemployment in the midlands and north is far higher. But the case founders on the specific issue of airports — partly because the regions already have too much airport capacity and partly because the airlines have shown no great drive to switch their services northwards. In any event, regional airports are expected to double their passenger throughput by the end of the century.

It is clear, too that Ministers now appear to have accepted the point that the airlines must operate their services — with some obvious exceptions like "lifeline" routes — where the passengers are.

Option three would lay the Government open to fierce criticism that it is being unfair in distributing the problem of airport disruption entirely around Heathrow and excusing the residents of Stansted. Heathrow opponents would justifiably argue that their region has already suffered too much, enduring 20 years of rapid airport expansion and mounting use of the earlier — and very much noisier — commercial jets.

Option four, which would involve the Government doing nothing, is unthinkable.

The fundamental problem is how to provide sufficient airport capacity to meet the expected sharp rise in passenger demand towards the turn of the century.

At present, around 64 million people use Britain's airport network and the Department of Transport officials believe that the figure will rise to a minimum of 105 million by the year 2000. Graham Eyre, in his report put the figure at 132 million.

However the central problem is the south east, where demand is generally expected to reach around 61 million by 1990 against a projected airport capacity of 63 million, which would leave very little room for manoeuvre. Five years in 1995, passenger demand is reckoned at up to 75 million against airport capacity of between 66 and 72 million.

Option four is therefore unthinkable, unless all the projections are wrong or the Government wishes to restrict the development of the aviation industry which incidentally makes a handsome £400 million surplus to the balance of payments.

Ridley and Gow are obvously in a position where they will clearly offend at least one, if not all, the three main lobbying groups — the environmentalists, the politicians and the industrialists.

Which will they choose?

On commercial grounds the arguments clearly favour the Eyre proposals — option one — of expanding Stansted immediately and adding more to Heathrow at a later date. On political grounds the second option — partial expansion of Stansted and switching more emphasis to the northern airports — looks the most appealing.

Will Ridley and Gow — and indeed, the full Cabinet — put commercial considerations beneath the political influences? I doubt it.

Michael Smith

Principal bankers ready to extend loans

Dunlop rejigs rescue deal to block BTR

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

Dunlop, caught in a veto grip by predator BTR, said last night that it intended to adjourn the crucial vote on its financial reconstruction that had been scheduled for February 8.

The avenue of escape opened for Dunlop when the group's principal bankers indicated that they were prepared once again to extend the loan facilities which have kept the struggling rubber and tyres group from collapse.

BTR, the industrial combine run by Sir Owen Green, grabbed 27.9 per cent of Dunlop's preference shares so that it could use this veto power to block approval of the entire rescue package put together by Dunlop's bankers and its chairman, Sir Michael Edwardes. The following day BTR slapped in a £33 million "take-it-or-leave-it" bid for Dunlop and refused to say whether it would waive its veto power to allow Dunlop shareholders to choose the rescue package instead.

Explaining why the reconstruction vote had been adjourned, Sir Michael said: "We are simply not prepared to allow BTR to use this shabby device to disenfranchise our 40,000 ordinary shareholders."

Dunlop may have bought itself some time but it was far from clear last night that it has escaped the noose thrown round it by BTR. Only Dunlop's principal banks, including Barclays and National Westminster, have shown willingness to extend the £435 million debt deadline. More than 50 banks control Dunlop's fate and they must be kept in harness.

Sir Michael said last night that the terms of a new reconstruction package were being redrawn in a legal attempt to remove the veto power of BTR's preference shareholding. Sir Michael and his lieutenants have already agreed to suspend rights to personal share option schemes which could have brought them personal fortunes, but which have already drawn fierce criticism from shareholders. Last night Sir Michael appeared to offer new and better terms to shareholders if they stay loyal and reject BTR's offer.

But Morgan Grenfell, the sible terms in the first place?" BTR, last night scorned Sir Michael's last minute attempts to rejig the rescue deal. "We do not see how any changes which can possibly be agreed by all the banks in a reasonable time frame can affect the fundamentals of the position at all. And if Sir Michael is now saying he will offer improved terms to shareholders, why did he not offer the best possible terms in the first place?"

The delay could also backfire because it may now give BTR a clear run to make its takeover bid before the new rescue package can be withdrawn. But BTR's shares fell 15p to 639p while Dunlop's shares closed only 1p lower at 35½p.

Merger blow to Liverpool port

By James Erlichman

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company plans to abandon the Port of Liverpool and merge its ferry service with the rival Sealink operations now owned by Sea Containers.

The deal will require approval from the Office of Fair Trading because it would give the Isle of Man company monopoly control of the ferry service between Douglas and the UK mainland.

Up to 40 employees of the two companies will lose their jobs and another 40 dock workers on Merseyside would be affected. A Transport and General Workers Union official, Mr Jimmy Symes, said last night that the merger would be resisted fiercely. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company has been running a service into Liverpool for 154 years, but it now wants to dock at Heysham.

The deal will also require approval from the Takeover Panel since Sea Containers will get 40 per cent of the enlarged equity of the Isle of Man company in return for the assets it is putting into the business. Normally, anyone acquiring more than 30 per cent of a company is obliged to make a full takeover bid, but the rule can be waived if other shareholders vote their approval.

Since acquiring Sealink for £66 million in a privatisation sell-off from British Rail last year, Sea Containers has changed the name of the company to Sealink UK/British Ferries and set about pruning its unprofitable routes. Both merger partners claimed last night that their rival services had been made unprofitable by an endemic decline in traffic to the Isle of Man. They argue that dovetailing their operations and switching to Heysham is the only way to save the route from extinction. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which will dispose of two of its own ships to raise money, has made losses in the last two years out of three and another loss is expected

Its shares, which had been buoyed by speculation of a full takeover bid, slumped 17p to 126p yesterday.



Asil Nadir

Nadir's plan for growth

By Tony May

POLLY Peck shareholders are to be asked to provide £41.7 million to fund the next burst of growth from the impressive but unlikely-sounding empire founded on oranges, lemons, cardboard boxes, TV's and videos, which is surrounded by mineral water.

Profits in Mr Asil Nadir's group have soared from £2 million to £50.6 million in the past four years and most of the £110 million it has spent in that time has been funded by the group itself.

The new cash will fund expansion of fruit packaging plant and TV factories in Turkey and northern Cyprus.

Because the rights issue implies faster growth than the City was expecting this year, brokers' estimates that profits would reach £90 million this year are being revised upwards.

The group's shares dipped from 242p to 234p.

The cash is being raised through the issue of a 9 per cent loan stock, which offers a more attractive yield than an issue of ordinary shares and makes the absence of a profit forecast more acceptable.

One novel feature of the terms is that shareholders can convert their stock into ordinary shares as soon as this June, although at a lower rate.

This is what Mr Nadir is doing, although he is stumping up just £6 million out of the £12.2 million of stock to which his 28.8 per cent shareholding entitles him. The balance of his entitlement will be sold while his stake in the company dips to 26.5 per cent.

The group might have been able to raise money last year but its bankers, Rothschilds, felt that until the merger with Wearwell was out of the way fund raising would be difficult.

The next phase in group integration is the merger of mineral water associate Cornell, now pencilled in for May.

Flowing in

National Westminster Bank's new high interest deposit account has attracted £70 million in just ten days and the bank is opening accounts at the rate of 800 a day. The minimum deposit of £2,000 earns interest of 13.75 per cent gross.

Tax cut doubt unnerves the markets

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

London stock markets yesterday weakened because of the Chancellor's warning the night before that there may be no tax cuts in the Budget.

In addition, gilt and money markets began to suspect that next week's money supply figures could include some exceedingly bad news about bank lending or public borrowing, which would explain the Chancellor's gloom on Thursday and his decision to block any downward move in clearing bank base rates in the last 48 hours. The Bank of England strongly resisted downward pressure on rates, in spite of the obvious desire of the banks and the discount market to move lower.

Interest rates in the City's money markets firmed slightly but still signalled a 1 per cent cut in base lending rates to 13 per cent.

The pound fell back during the day, 0.75 cents down against the dollar to $1.1240, and it was later trading in New York at $1.1190 as the dollar surged against all the major currencies, against intervention by the German Bundesbank. The mark was almost at DM 3.20 to the dollar.

In London, sterling's average value on the Bank of England's trade weighted index rose 0.1 to 71.7 per cent of its 1975 value because the pound was less affected by the dollar than other currencies. There were rumours that the Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve had also been intervening.

The dollar was strong because of a slightly higher than expected money supply figure and talk of higher interest rates.

British base rates, by staying high, affect the rates paid by small borrowers, but the interest rate for all major borrowers remains considerably lower. The weekly Treasury bill tender, a regular indicator of market trends, was at 11.8 per cent, less than 0.3 per cent higher than a week earlier, before the latest 2 per cent rise in base rates.

The government began to reissue certificates of tax deposits at interest rates ranging from 11.5 per cent to 12.75 per cent, reflecting what companies are actually paying for money in the commercial markets — more than 1 per cent below the base rate structure. The certificates were withdrawn hurriedly on Wednesday when they were paying levels near base rate, because they attracted too much money.

The extraordinary artificiality of all this, with base rates far out of line with money market rates, led to fears that the Chancellor has a strong but so far secret reason for keeping base rates up until after the money figures on Tuesday. Mr Lawson will already have seen the rough money and borrowing figures.

The absence of base rate cuts and the gloom about the Budget hit shares and gilts. The FT 30 index fell 8.6 to 977.5 and gilts lost over a half-penny in the pound.

Top analysts decamp to rivals

By Peter Rodgers

The City merry-go-round took another turn yesterday when the top team of stores analysts at brokers Capel-Cure Myers decamped to rivals Wood Mackenzie.

The Edinburgh and London brokers had been looking for retailing and stores specialists to fill the gap but is not saying who approached whom. The five-strong Capel-Cure team broke the news to their colleagues in the morning and quit the offices during the day.

The Capel-Cure team is led by John Richards and comprises three analysts, a salesman and an editorial specialist who produces a quarterly retailing journal.

Wood, Mackenzie itself is linking with merchant bank Hill Samuel, while Capel-Cure has joined with Grindlays Bank, now part of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Corporation.

Meanwhile the board of Midland Bank yesterday endorsed proposals to push ahead with moves into the securities industry, through the 60 per cent owned Samuel Montagu merchantbank and the stockbrokers W. Greenwell. Midland said that discussions with Greenwell were to continue and they were of a "positive nature." They revolve around the terms under which Montagu will increase its stake in Greenwell to 50 per cent and provide capital for a new gilts trading operation, with Midland's share of the total cost believed to be under £20 million.

The cost to Midland is 60 per cent of the £6 million or so needed to take the stake in Greenwell to 50 per cent from 29.9 per cent, and 60 per cent of the £25 million capital needed for a gilts trading operation, with the rest paid by Samuel Montagu's other shareholders, Aetna Life.

The stock exchange plans of Exco International, the financial services group, took a new step forward when its stockbroking partner WICO, Galloway & Pearson agreed a merger with another broker, Walter Walker. Exco International has a 29.9 per cent stake in WICO, Galloway & Pearson with an option to acquire the rest when stock exchange rules permit.

Exco said that the existing operations of Walter Walker, which is a small London broker, would become a branch office of WICO, Galloway & Pearson and conduct all the private client business of the enlarged company.

Guinness in £16m US takeover move

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Brewers Arthur Guinness and Sons are expanding their presence in America by taking over a speciality food products manufacturer and distributor in a £16 million deal announced yesterday.

Guinness, which has made no secret of wanting to beef up its presence in the huge US market place, has reached agreement to acquire Richter Brothers Inc, a £60 million a year turnover business handling coast to coast distribution of a line of five thousand food and soft drink products from a number of European countries.

The acquisition will more than double the size of Guinness's American operations which currently account for five per cent of the group's total turnover and profit. In the year to June 1984 Richter made a pre tax profit of just under £2.5 million on turnover of £59 million.

Guinness feel the speciality food market has a potential for growth similar to that achieved in the imported drinks market where it is already strongly represented.

"Richter meets all of our criteria for business growth in the part of the world where we wish to expand," commented the Guinness chief executive Mr Ernest Saunders yesterday. "It is complementary to our existing operations and enables us to add our international marketing resources to an established US firm."

Virgin cuts back

By David Simpson

Virgin Atlantic, the cut-price airline, announced yesterday that it is to drop two out of its four weekly flights between London and New York during February and March, blaming its decision on a seasonal fall in demand.

The airline's direct rival, People Express, indicated however that it has no plans to reduce its current quota of five weekly Transatlantic flights over the remainder of the winter season.

A spokeswoman for Virgin Atlantic said yesterday that the move to halve the airline's flights was "purely economic measure," adding that all airlines were cutting their flight schedules at present. "Everyone's suffering," she added.

At present, a one-way Virgin ticket costs £129 and currently undercuts the Advance Purchase Excursion fares available from the leading international operators, including British Airways and Pan American Airways, by only about £1.

Richard Branson's airline is to maintain its Friday and Sunday roundtrip flights during the next two months, cancelling its Thursday and Saturday flights.

Black week for British micros

By Maggie Brown

The series of tremors shaking Britain's micro-computer companies and supporting industries continued yesterday without abate.

Oric, the Ascot-based home computer company claiming to supply more than 50 per cent of the French home-computer market was placed in receivership, with £3 million unsold stock of its £100-200 machines.

And, by mutual agreement, Acorn Computers, suppliers of the BBC micro, called off six-month merger talks with Torch Computers, also of Cambridge, which makes business computers. A key factor may well have been Acorn's collapsed share-price and currently low stock market standing

Torch, which is privately-owned, says that the parting of ways is due to a "divergence of plans about the future." With a turnover of £5.2 million last year, and a staff of 55, with factory in Wales, it will now apparently go-it-alone. This leaves Acorn to develop its own business products.

Torch plans to introduce a new series of machines in the middle of this year, which have been developed by its research team. Meanwhile Corby-based Commodore, with a substantial 25 per cent UK home computer market share said yesterday that they have no plans to reduce the price of any of their products. Newcomer Amstrad is also holding its prices. Commodore however, has just announced redundancies of 114 at Corby, leaving 600 staff, to match the dipping market, and is clearly cutting back production, rather than selling at poor margins.

Oric receiver, David Cross said yesterday that the company, which employed about 100 people, but is now down to 37, had been in trouble since September, but that a committee of creditors had hoped Christmas sales would save the company. But this anticipated surge especially in France, had not happened.

David Broad, director of the British Micro-Computer Manufacturers Association said yesterday: "This is turning into a bad week for the industry, and not one that augurs well for 1985. But for all that, there are companies succeeding there should be strong opportunities for sales, especially in the US with the current low value of sterling." However, Acorn has recently had to pull out of the US.

The week has also seen the acrimonious collapse, into receivership, of Prism, once the foremost distributor of Sinclair products.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rough passage

THE main-stream luxury cruise and shipping activities of P&O had a poor year in 1984, according to the formal documents setting out terms for the agreed merger with property group Sterling Guarantee Trust, published yesterday.

P&O raised its pre-tax profits in the 12 months ending December 31 to £66 million, compared with £56 million. But the big fact was an incredibly strong recovery by the Overseas Containers Ltd group in which P&O has a 47 per cent stake.

The stake produced most of a rise in P&O associate company contributions from £9 million to £27.7 million. This was due to bouyant Far Eastern trade, and large strides in cost cutting and currency translations, says the P&O finance director, Mr Andrew Robb.

SGT has, in contrast to P&O, revalued its property portfolio at £442 million, compared with £387 million, and forecasts profits of £24 million to March 24, compared with 16.5 million. The first closing date for the offer is Monday, February 25.

BAT's offer for Hambro Life has been declared unconditional in all respects. Acceptances have given BAT almost 96 per cent of the shares.

BERKELEY Technology, a Jersey registered company that specialises in arranging development capital finance for US hitech companies, is going public through an offer for sale of 33.33m shares at 150p capitalising the business at £84.6 million. SIR Anthony Rawlinson, 58, is to be the new chairman of the Gaming Board, succeeding Lord Allen of Abbeydale, who is retiring.

THE Government of Papua New Guinea has ordered the closure of the giant OK Tedi gold and copper mining project following disagreement over development with Australian, US and West German partners.

RUMOURS that the quoted public relations group, Good Relations, might be losing key staff because of its internal reorganisation sent the shares down 28p to 210p yesterday. The chairman, Mr Tony Good, confirmed that six people were leaving, including two account managers.

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FINANCIAL GUARDIAN

COMPANY BRIEFING

Dyson back on profit trail

J. & J. Dyson, the Sheffield refractories to motor suppliers and engineering group is back on the road towards old profit levels after the elimination of lossmaking lines. The speed of the recovery is to some extent dependent on the ending of the miners' strike, but the wide spread of activities, including the extensive refractory business, means that the outlook is better than for many years.

Turnover for the six months to September 30 was £200,000 lower at £19.2 million but apart from closures, the weakness of motor sales concealed an upturn in most sections. The Scottish and Midlands coal and clay deposits are expected to make a big contribution eventually.

Pre-tax profit improved to £159,000, almost twice the previous figure, but the second half will compare with a period when nearly £1 million was derived from the minerals. Closure costs of another £350,000 net were more than offset by the profit on the disposal of a large minority stake in a builders' merchant to Bovis.

While the main refractories division is now considered to be capable of major profits and most of the trailer and other engineering operations are in reasonable shape, Sandygate Motor made a small loss. Better Austin Rover sales and margins should help to bring an early revival.

The interim dividend remains at the familiar 2p in view of the brighter outlook for 1985-86. Although the full-year result could cause some initial disappointment this summer, the rise of 4p to 77p in the share price is likely to be more than justified thereafter, if economic recovery continues.

Securiguard

SECURIGUARD

Securiguard has clinched the acquisition it foreshadowed on Monday. It is paying an initial £1.7 million in shares, to be placed, for Consolidated Safeguards a medium-sized security company which made a profit of £250,000 last year.

Profits of this order will give Securiguard a useful lift — it made £820,000 itself last year as well as bringing it more boys in blue and territory to guard. Safeguards was founded in 1974 by Mr J. Allen who is joining Securiguard for a time. It is big in the City with a "prestigious and valuable" portfolio of clients and also opens up the town of Milton Keynes to the group.

Following the merger, Securiguard will earn 80 per cent of its turnover in London and the South East. Safeguard brings 400 employees with it but integration of the business should bring benefits in terms of management and savings on overheads.

Backing for Orchard

Orchard Food, a frozen-foods retailer with 37 shops in Essex and the Home Counties, has been backed to the tune of £1.3 million by four institutional investors, including Lloyds Bank pension fund and Guinness Mahon. It is hoped that there will be a stock market flotation within two years.

The initial placing operation by Lloyds Bank International was of 22.5 per cent of the shares, valuing the whole capital at £5.8 million. Turnover last year was £15 million, but new openings are running at over one a month so it is likely to reach £20 million this year. Margins are low and even including property sales 1984 profit was only £500,000. The pre-tax estimate for the current year is £700,000 on trading account, though it is early days.

There is a small wholesale business and a chilled foods manufacturing division that is one of the larger processors of Danish bacon.

While Orchard is primarily a family business, whose first permanent store was, however, only opened in 1975, the appointment of a chief executive with Fine Fare and Argyll experience, Mr Brian Baylis, previously chief executive of the Cordon Bleu freezer centre chain operated by Argyll, is a key event. The future valuation obviously depends on how well the new money is deployed.

Sobering figures

Continued high levels of unemployment and the impact of the long-running miners' strike produced another sober year for Britain's brewers in 1984.

Latest figures from the Brewers' Society show beer production declined by 0.4 per cent to a total of 36.73 million bulk barrels during the year. Results were not helped by the worst December figures since 1967. Production was 5.4 per cent lower than in December 1983 at 2.52 million bulk barrels.

"December's production figures were disappointing but the situation was complicated by staggered holidays over the Christmas period," commented a Brewers' Society spokesman yesterday.

While reports from brewing companies indicated that sales were much better than the production figures would suggest, the seasonal boost to trade had come "much later" than usual.

Scicon expands

Scicon International Britain's largest computer services company, has acquired a controlling interest in Telcom General Corporation (TGC) of Santa Clara, California.

Scicon, a BP company, has acquired an 80 per cent interest in the US satellite-based communications company for about $6 million. In addition, about $6.5 million is committed to funding in 1985.

TGC has developed a range of satellite communications equipment using a "spread spectrum" technique which gives several technical advantages over normal transmissions. Using this equipment through a joint venture agreement with the Associated Press Satnet subsidiary, TGC intends to offer private data communications services over AP's established network of over 1,000 earth stations in the USA.

Mr Robert Malpas, a managing director of BP and chairman of Scicon International, said: "We are enthusiastic about this acquisition which adds a new dimension to Scicon's ability to offer a complete service to its customers."

In short . . .

LLOYDS Bank International is offering 12.5 million shares in German Smaller Companies Investment Trust for sale at 100p. This nominally capitalises the group at £12.5 million with lists opening on Thursday and dealings due to start on February 13.

WIGGINS Group reduced its loss from £162,000 to £101,000 in the six months to September 30. The housebuilding and motor divisions traded profitably in the first half and will contribute to the second half. Some properties have been sold to reduce borrowings.

VILLAGE Green, a retirement housing developer, has raised £1.4 million from four Business Expansion Scheme funds. First developments of £40,000-plus homes will be in Malvern and Tenterden.

Edited by Tony May

Fears on money supply keep gilts depressed

THE MARKETS

The absence of any moves on the interest rate front left stock markets in a state of limbo yesterday. As a result, prices tended to drift through lack of interest, with only speculative secondary issues providing the worthwhile movements.

The Chancellor's warning in the Commons censure debate on Thursday that he may not be able to produce the £1.5 billion tax cuts in the Budget overshadowed stores, foods and breweries. Gilts gave up five-eighths with dealers anticipating poor money supply figures next Tuesday.

However, base rates are still expected to fall soon afterwards, but by how much depends on the state of sterling. Discount houses made good progress for this reason, with Union up 25p to 748p, still reflecting satisfaction with the good profits released earlier this week. Banks were another firm sector, with Midland up 10p to 349p as rights issue fears receded following Thursday's £530 million overseas cash raising operation.

Falls among leaders were within a band of 2p to 15p, but GKN resisted the trend on American support, up 6p to 204p. Among food retailers, Sainsbury, a recent favourite among US brokers, slipped 12p to 316p on "take profits" advice. Other stores closed up on 12p lower, while in textiles Polly Peck softened 8p to 234p on the £42 million rights issue.

Oils were supported by steady spot prices, but finished on a mixed pattern. Explorers were buoyant, with Falcon Resources particularly active at 400p, up 18p (after 427p) on talk of a big find in America. Properties shed a few pence in quiet trading, but one or two speculation issues resisted the trend.

Insurances were largely neglected, but brokers were the turn harder. Profit-taking snipped a few pence from money brokers, and shipping shares took a turn for the worst. South African mining shares recorded a majority of gains in the 50 cents to a dollar region.

Leading equities mostly closed lower. BTR were affected more than most, down 15p at 639p, while Beecham, down 3p at 360p, were not helped by news that Japan is to reduce some drug prices. Glaxo lost 15p at 1,185p. ICI retreated 5p to 839p.

Electricals tended lower with Thorn EMI at 419p and Plessey at 184p, both 2p off on the day. Banks were quite firm, however, and Nat West added 2p at 664p. Vickers was another to gain, a penny better at 234p.

Main changes: GKN 203p up 5p; Midland 349p up 10p; Sainsbury 316p down 12p; Union Discount 748p up 25p; Polly Peck 234p down 8p; Dixons 542p down 12p; Falcon Res 400p up 18p; Foster Bros 126p up 8p.

Stock Exchange turnover for January 31: number of bargains, 21,406; value £385.613 million.

● Frankfurt: Prices finished lower although dealers said the market's tone was optimistic. The *Commerzbank index fell* 4.7 points to 1,156.6.

● Paris: Shares closed mixed in moderately active trading. The market indicator was unchanged at the end of business and advances and declines wre evenly matched.

● Tokyo: Profit-taking and renewed worries about the financial health of Sanko Steamship pulled prices broadly and sharply lower in extremely heavy trading. Nikkei Dow Jones index: 11,946.96 (11,992.31).

● Hong Kong: Prices were mixed in moderate trading. Hang Seng index: 1360.46 (1365.02).

FT Ordinary Share Index down 8.6 at 977.5. FT-SE 100 Index down 8.2 at 1,272.6. Pound: $1.1240; DM: 3.57; Fr: 10.92. Gold: $303.25. Account: Jan 28 to Feb 8. FT ALL Share Index down 1.87 at 612.75. Sterling Index 71.7 (1975=100). RPI 358.5 (Dec) up 4.6 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,245 per tonne; 3 months £1,265.50 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,960 per tonne; 3 months £9,906 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £340 per tonne; 3 months £342.50 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £736 per tonne; 3 months £736 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 553.50p per troy oz; 3 months 570p.
Rubber: Spot 66.50p per kilo; Feb expired per tonne; Mar £660.00 per tonne; Apr £670.00 per tonne; May £680.00 per tonne.
Coffee: Jan £2,405 per tonne; Mar £2,380 per tonne; May £2,387 per tonne; July £2,392 per tonne; Sept £2,398 per tonne; Nov £2,405 per tonne.
Cocoa: Mar £2,188 per tonne; May £2,215 per tonne; July £2,187 per tonne; Sept £2,166 per tonne; Dec £2,020 per tonne; Mar £2,007 per tonne.

UNIT TRUSTS

Fund	Bid	Offer
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	a132.8	142.3
Comm & Gen	80.8	86.4
General	a108.1	110.3
Gilt & Fxd	110.3	116.7
HI Income	a69.7	74.1
Japan	176.8	183.1
UK Grwth	67.6	72.7
Worldwide	a161.2	171.5
Allied Hambro		
Allied Cap	183.0	200.3
Allied 1st	163.8	170.2
Am Spec Sits	63.5	67.3
Assets	158.9	168.4
Equity	a96.6	101.8
Far East	138.8	147.1
Growth	103.3	108.5
Gov Secs	28.0	29.2
Balanced	272.4	288.7
do Acc	410.0	434.6
High Inc	178.7	189.4
High Yld	115.1	122.0
Income Ex	a98.6	104.5
Internatl	a67.5	71.5
Japan	a66.0	69.9
Met Min Com	90.6	103.5
Overseas	a150.7	159.7
Pacific	a128.3	136.2
Recovery	53.6	56.3
Secs of Am	188.8	200.1
Smaller Cos	a91.5	98.3
Smlr Smaller	123.0	132.8
Small Co Ex	158.7	168.2
Technology	95.5	101.2
USA Exempt	312.8	331.6
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	85.0	90.9
East & Int	103.8	111.0
Fin & Prop	42.8	45.2
Foreign Grwth	65.6	70.1
High Inc	a53.7	57.4
N Am & Int	83.2	88.9
PrefShare	a24.2	25.8
Smaller Cos	85.3	91.2
Archway		
Archway Fd	201.3	213.4
Barclays Unicorn		
America	78.9	83.9
Australia	113.6	120.8
do Acc	158.2	168.1
Capital	165.9	176.4
Exempt	305.9	325.4
Extra Inc	53.0	58.3
Financial	179.5	190.9
500 Trust	185.2	197.0
General	100.3	107.2
Gilt & Fixed	50.4	52.7
Gr Pacific	101.9	108.3
do Acc	102.7	109.3
Growth Accum	136.7	145.4
Income Trust	a229.7	244.3
Prof Assns	98.7	104.9
Recovery	132.4	140.8
Trustee Fd	a80.7	85.8
Worldwide	a113.3	120.5
Baring Brothers		
Stratton	474.7	495.6
do Acc	698.6	728.5
Bridge		
Income	101.4	116.9
Cap Inc	101.5	109.2
do Acc	129.3	139.1
Exempt	a233.0	251.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	89.3	95.3
Am Small Cos	24.5	26.1
Am Spec Sits	75.1	80.1
Australian	79.5	84.8
Commod	147.5	157.3
Extra Inc	a48.9	52.2
Far East	42.8	45.7
Gilt	a25.0	26.3
Gold & Gen	20.9	22.5
Hong Kong Perf	a25.4	27.1
Inc & Gr	147.0	158.8
Japan	a41.2	43.9
National	141.8	151.2
Preference	17.5	18.7
Smaller Cos	107.0	114.1
Spec Mkt Sits		
Un Energy	a61.0	65.1
World Tech	48.8	52.1
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	159.8	170.7
Financial	92.6	99.0
Growth	101.4	110.2
do Acc	155.7	170.0
High Inc	46.8	50.8
Income	52.6	57.2
N Amer	a54.7	58.8
Recovery	25.9	28.1
Unit Fd	a46.3	50.3
Canada Life		
Gen Dist	a88.7	93.4
do Acc	135.3	142.5
Inc Dist	60.5	63.7
do Acc	115.6	121.7
Chieftain		
American	a49.1	52.5
Australian	21.0	22.5
Basic	38.2	41.0
Far East	69.1	73.9
High Inc	40.5	43.4
Inc & Growth	a38.3	41.1
Internatl	62.3	66.7
Pref & Gilt	a19.3	20.7
Small Cos	34.3	36.8
County Bank UT Managers		
Capital Acc	218.8	232.7
Extra Inc	122.7	130.5
Financial	a93.5	99.4
Growth	a218.7	232.6
Income	98.8	105.1
Portfolio	141.4	148.0
Smaller Cos	139.6	148.5
Crescent Group		
American	159.0	168.7
High Dist	171.6	182.1
Internatl	166.5	176.7
Resources	99.5	105.6
Tokyo	199.3	211.4
Discretionary		
Income	74.7	78.9
Duncan Lawrie Fund Managers		
Growth	22.1	23.8
Income	a44.1	47.4
Overseas	88.8	95.5
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	188.9	198.8
Far East Acc	99.6	105.9
Gilts & Fixed	73.6	77.4
do Acc	82.0	86.3
High Inc	136.3	144.9
do Acc	158.8	168.9
N. Am Acc	137.3	148.0
UK Growth	101.9	108.4
do Acc	112.1	119.2
Fidelity		
American	92.9	98.9
Am Spec Sits	55.2	58.8
Managed	85.9	91.4
Grwth & Inc	66.7	71.0
Japan	88.7	94.4
Max Inc Eq	53.9	57.4
Spec Sits	97.2	103.5
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	195.0	207.4
do Acc	197.2	209.6
Amer Turnrd	190.2	202.3
do Acc	194.4	206.8
Capital	141.8	150.8
do Acc	165.6	176.0
Conv & Gilt	a74.6	79.2
do Acc	93.0	98.8
Extra Inc	a108.4	113.0
Income	82.6	87.3
Inter Growth	154.4	164.6
do Acc	159.2	169.2
Japan & Gen	58.2	61.8
do Acc	54.2	57.6
Recovery	a93.6	98.8
do Acc	98.8	105.0
Friends Provident		
Equity	157.4	168.5
do Acc	233.7	250.4
Fixed In	98.5	105.3
do Acc	104.5	111.7
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	88.5	93.8
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	87.3	92.9
British	a41.6	44.3
Commodity	66.6	70.9
Extra Inc	35.8	38.1
Far East	82.4	87.7
Gilt	25.1	26.2
Global	118.8	119.0
High-Inc	a97.2	103.4
Inc	a46.0	49.0
Insurance	a35.26	37.81
Japan	74.7	79.5
Special Sit	67.3	71.6
Govett		
Intn'al Grth	64.2	68.6
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	112.2	116.6
Grwth Eq	147.5	157.0
Guardhill	234.4	242.8
N American	128.4	136.2
Pacific	141.5	150.6
Pref Share	a144.8	154.1
Small Cos	154.9	164.6
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	67.6	72.8
European	139.6	148.4
Far East	84.3	90.0
Income	62.2	66.6
Internatl	110.0	117.7
Japan	149.6	160.0
Pension	a142.2	149.0
Tech & Grth	82.9	88.7
US & Gen	57.3	55.0
Liq Reserve	98.5	100.0
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Cos	52.9	56.9
Australian	68.1	72.2
Capital Grwth	46.1	49.3
do Acc	51.9	55.5
European	256.1	266.8
Euro Ex	129.3	136.6
Extra Inc	113.5	121.4
Financial	88.2	94.5
Fixed	51.9	54.9
Gilt	44.0	46.3
Global Tech	75.6	78.7
High Inc	a120.2	128.6
High Inc Ex	a99.8	106.8
Inc & Assets	75.8	81.1
Inc & Grwth	99.0	105.9
do Acc	183.7	198.5
Internatl	118.8	125.0
Japan	a88.6	94.4
Japan Ex	95.9	101.7
N American	a138.7	149.1
N Amer Ex	a138.7	149.1
Oil & Nat	a79.4	84.2
Pref & Gilt	48.4	49.6
Recovery	74.7	79.9
Smllr Cos Ex	90.4	94.2
Smllr Cos Div	a70.1	75.0
Special Sit	99.1	98.4
do Acc	124.2	132.8
Worldwide	258.8	273.5
Hill Samuel		
British	407.0	433.0
Capital	76.6	81.5
Dollar	172.7	183.8
European	a62.6	66.6
Far East	a98.3	104.6
Financial	249.6	265.6
General	286.0	301.0
Gilt & Fixed	26.9	28.0
do Growth	a36.1	37.6
High Yld	47.6	50.7
Income	58.2	62.0
Internatl	a98.3	104.6
Japan Tech	a31.2	33.2
Nat Res	34.1	36.3
Security	134.3	142.9
Special Sit	75.5	80.4
James Finlay		
Fd of Invest	83.7	90.0
do Acc	121.0	130.1
High Inc	53.1	57.1
Wld Energy	17.0	18.3
do Acc	23.8	25.0
Key Fund Managers		
Eq and Gen	159.1	171.3
Fixed	58.2	62.5
Income	147.6	158.8
Legal & General		
Equity	211.0	225.7
do Acc	318.1	340.2
Gilt	65.7	68.5
Lloyds Bank		
Balanced	141.0	150.8
do Acc	241.7	258.5
Energy	52.9	56.5
do Acc	56.5	60.4
Extra Inc	111.2	118.9
do Acc	187.6	200.6
Income	192.0	205.3
do Acc	359.0	383.9
N Amer	a99.4	106.3
do Acc	105.6	112.9
Sm Cos & Recs	124.7	138.7
do Acc	142.5	152.3
World Grth	153.7	164.3
do Acc	213.1	227.9
Midland		
Capital	a63.5	67.7
Com & Gen	126.9	135.2
Gilt & Fixed	171.9	183.3
High Yld	113.8	121.3
Income	125.4	133.7
Japan & Pac	162.0	172.8
N American	96.5	102.9
Overseas	80.0	85.3
Minster		
Exempt	208.2	214.2
Minster	91.7	94.7
M & G Group		
American	a196.0	207.8
do Acc	222.8	236.2
Amer Recov	226.8	240.4
do Acc	242.0	258.5
Australia	90.5	97.9
do Acc	97.8	105.6
Charifund	108.9	271.5
Charifund	286.0	289.9
Commodity	a194.0	205.6
do Acc	247.8	262.7
Comp. Grth	313.3	332.1
Conv. Grth	261.7	277.4
Conv Inc	145.3	154.0
Dividend	279.6	296.4
do Acc	778.7	823.3
European	a109.0	115.5
do Acc	128.8	136.5
Extra	158.2	167.7
do Acc	318.2	337.3
Far East	159.1	168.6
do Acc	190.3	201.7
Fd of Invest	184.8	195.9
do Acc	280.6	297.4
General	a437.8	464.1
do Acc	883.5	841.6
Gilt	55.4	58.2
do Acc	75.6	79.4
High Inc	214.8	227.7
do Acc	545.2	577.9
Japan	478.3	504.9
do Acc	508.2	538.2
Int Growth	634.1	672.1
do Acc	985.3	1044.4
Midland	364.9	386.8
do Acc	864.8	916.7
Pension	339.6	354.9
Recovery	a221.6	239.3
do Acc	276.8	289.1
2nd Gen	a498.0	527.9
do Acc	944.7	1001.4
Smllr Cos	494.0	523.6
do Acc	744.9	789.6
Trustee	316.7	335.7
National Provident		
Growth	151.6	161.3
do Acc	236.7	251.9
Overseas	441.9	467.7
do Acc	529.5	560.4
Nat Managers		
Natstar	a62.8	64.5
do Gilt	—	—
do High Inc	58.8	61.9
do Intntl	—	—
Oppenheimer Fund Managers		
Practical	41.2	43.9
do Acc	72.4	77.1
Pearl		
Growth	64.0	68.1
do Acc	92.9	98.9
Income	84.0	89.4
Pearl	90.6	96.4
do Acc	151.5	161.2
Prolific		
Far East	117.3	126.0
Extra Inc	a56.6	60.2
High Inc	120.2	127.9
Internatl	90.3	96.8
N Amer	121.2	129.7
Spec Sits	137.5	146.3
Technology	130.2	139.5
Prudential Trust		
Prudential	315.7	335.8
Reliance Unit Trust		
British Life	129.9	137.4
Reliance Inc	80.8	86.3
do Acc	103.3	110.3
Ridgefield		
Income	102.0	108.6
Internatl	231.9	248.8
Rothschild Asset Management		
America	248.4	259.2
do Acc	261.7	275.4
Energy Res	183.7	193.3
Income	319.8	336.8
Smaller Cos	104.6	110.1
Save and Prosper Group		
Capital	85.5	91.4
Comm Share	56.6	60.2
Energy Ind	54.6	58.1
Europa Grwth	56.4	59.9
Exploration	a35.6	37.8
Financial	65.2	69.7
Gilt Growth	70.7	71.5
Gilt Income	51.4	54.2
High Return	a125.7	133.7
High Yld	111.6	118.7
Income	75.7	80.5
Internat Bond	95.7	101.8
ITU	68.0	72.7
Japan	55.2	58.7
Japan Smllr Co	83.5	89.3
New Tech	a109.7	116.6
Scotbits	a90.9	97.2
Scotshares	118.1	125.8
Scotyield	104.3	110.9
SE Asia	98.5	104.7
Select Inter	61.0	65.2
Smaller Cos	111.1	118.1
Spec Sits	70.3	75.1
UK Equity	a130.8	139.8
Universal	68.4	72.7
US Growth	65.3	69.4
Schroder Unit Trust		
American	113.8	121.3
do Acc	114.9	122.4
Australian	68.1	72.5
do Acc	72.2	76.9
Europe	63.5	67.6
do Acc	64.2	68.4
UK Equity	a75.8	91.6
do Acc	113.3	122.0
Gilt & Fixed	a49.8	52.5
do Acc	69.1	72.8
Income	a124.4	134.0
do Acc	262.2	282.5
Internatl	88.5	94.3
do Acc	121.1	129.1
Smaller	100.5	108.2
do Acc	103.5	111.5
Tokyo	125.7	134.0
do Acc	126.4	134.7
Ph & C Fund		
Recovery	567.4	604.8
Spec Exempt	986.4	1073.7
Scottish Widows		
Pegasus	174.1	185.3
do Acc	193.0	205.4
Sun Alliance		
Equity Trust	308.8	328.5
Target Managers		
Amer Eagle	74.2	79.4
Commodity	98.9	106.3
Energy	a46.0	49.2
Equity	97.0	103.5
Ex Exempt	560.2	597.5
Extra Inc	87.0	93.0
Financial	194.5	207.5
Gilt Cap	200.9	210.4
Gilt Inc	98.8	103.5
Income	55.9	59.8
Investment	98.2	104.7
Mal & Sing	31.8	33.9
Pacific	70.5	75.4
Preference	a14.7	15.8
Prof'nal	a432.3	461.1
Special Sit	a77.6	83.0
Worldwide Cap	a113.4	121.0
Trades Union		
T.U.U.T.	122.5	129.0
Transatlantic		
Colonnade	365.5	382.9
do Acc	577.4	604.6
Fielding	220.9	234.1
do Acc	244.2	258.9
Tyndall Managers		
Australian	72.2	77.3
do Acc	74.0	79.2
Capital	a263.4	279.4
do Acc	450.8	478.0
Exempt	a205.8	223.4
do Acc	446.0	475.0
Far Eastern	138.7	149.0
do Acc	146.9	157.8
Fin & Prop	37.1	39.6
Gilt Cap	109.1	113.5
do Acc	117.6	122.3
Gilt Inc	101.5	105.4
do Acc	147.2	152.7
High Yield	39.2	41.8
do Acc	79.0	84.2
Income	166.0	176.0
do Acc	475.6	[illegible]
Internatl	129.4	138.0
do Acc	181.8	193.8
Natural Res	206.2	219.8
do Acc	289.6	308.6
N American	a115.1	123.2
do Acc	130.9	140.1
Preference	100.6	107.2
do Acc	229.6	244.6
Scottish	a296.0	315.4
do Acc	313.8	334.2
Smaller Cos	137.7	146.7
Special Sits	77.6	82.2
TSB Trust		
Extra Inc	85.2	90.2
General	a118.9	128.5
do Acc	188.3	200.4
Income	154.9	164.8
do Acc	228.7	243.4
Intl	240.4	255.8
do Acc	289.9	308.5
Pacific	120.3	128.0
Select Opp	45.8	48.8
do Acc	48.8	52.0
Vanguard Trust		
Vanguard Grth	126.4	134.1
do Acc	181.3	189.4
Vang High Yld	133.3	140.3
Vang Trust	97.9	103.0
do Acc	140.5	147.8
Wardley Unit Trust Managers		
American	70.3	75.6
Australian	a42.1	45.3
Nat. Res	52.5	55.9
Far East	70.4	74.9
Income	58.4	62.8
Japan	71.2	76.6
Small Cos	106.2	114.2
Technol	39.2	42.2
UK Trust	95.4	101.5
European Growl	24.0	25.6

a Ex dividend b Offer assented c Non assented d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted pp Part Paid

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Price	+/-
British Funds		
(short) Treasury		
3pc 1985	97¾	
9½pc 88C	94¼	-⅛
11¼pc 1985	99¼	-⅛
Exchequer		
12pc '85 Cov	99 11/16	+1/16
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	81½	
Treasury		
10pc C86	98	
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	93¾	-1
10½pc 1987	xd93½	
10¼pc 1988	96⅛	
11pc 1991	98⅛	
11¾pc 1989	a100¼	
12pc 1985	100	
12¼pc 1990	107¼	
13¼pc 1987	106	
10¼pc 1987	97	
13¼pc 1992	112¼	
13½pc 1994	112	
14pc 1986	103 11/16	
2½pc 1986	88¾	
Funding		
5¼pc 87-91	82	-1
6¼pc 85-87	90½	
Treasury		
10pc 1987	96½	
2pc IL 88	106½	
10¼pc 1989	95½	
3pc 1987	85½	
3pc 1986	93¼	
5pc 86-89	88½	
7¾pc 85-88	91½	
8¼pc 87-90	88½	
8½pc C89	92	
10pc 90C	95½	-1
8¼pc 84-86	96½	
10pc 1992	a91⅛	
10pc C92	98½	
10pc 87C	a97⅛	
11¾pc 1989	a99¼	
11¾pc 1991	100⅛	
12pc 1986	100	
13pc 1990	105	-⅝
(long) Exchequer		
10¼pc 1995	91¼	
10¼pc 1997	a92¼	
12pc 1998	105½	
12pc 99-02	104½	
12pc 13-17	114½	
12½pc 1992	a101½	
12½pc 1999	105¼	
12½pc 1994	a102½	
13½pc 1996	112½	
15pc 1997	124	
9½pc 1998	88½	
9¾pc 98A	88¼	
Funding		
6pc 1993	78	-½
3½pc 99-04	47½	-½
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	110½	
2½pc IL 2003	98½	
2pc IL 2006	107½	
2½pc IL 16	93½	
8pc 02-06	72½	
7¾pc 12-15	77	
9pc 1997	a82¼	
9pc 1994	88½	
9½pc 1999	88½	
10½pc C99	94½	
10pc 1999	96½	
11¾pc 01-04	107½	
11¾pc 03-07	105½	
12pc 1995	101	
12pc 1987	100½	
12½pc 1993	103½	
12½pc 2005	110½	
12½pc 1992	104½	
13pc 2000	112½	
13pc 1997	110½	
13pc 04-08	123½	
2½pc IL 2009	98½	
2½pc IL 2011	a108	
13½pc 1993	112½	
13¾pc 00-03	118½	
14pc 1996	112⅞	-1
14pc 98-01	117⅛	-1
14½pc 1994	a114	-½
15¼pc 1996	124¼	-1
15½pc 1998	130¼	-1
2½pc 2020	83¼	
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	70	-½
Gas		
3pc 90-95	64	-1
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24¼	-½
4pc	38¼	-½
Conversion		
3½pc	42¼	-½
10pc 02	95¼	-1
Treasury		
2½pc	24½	-½
3pc	29¼	-½
War Loan		
3½pc	a34¼	-1
Commnwlth Bnds		
NZ 7½pc 83-86	£95¼	-1
S Rhodesia 2½pc 65-70	£180	
Corps & Boards		
Manchester 3pc 20	£24	
Met. Water 3pc 'B'	a£35¼	+1
Banks & Disc Hses		
Allied Irish	135	-1
Ansbacher H	76	-2
ANZ Gp	£341	+3
Bank Ireland	258	-10
Bank Scot	459	-10
Barclays Bank	639	+5
Brown Ship	405	
Cater Allen	588	+15
Clive Dis	64	
First Nat	93	+1
Gerrard & Na	339	+15
Goode D&M	52	
Guinness Pt	a72	
Hambros Shs	170	+2
Hill Sam	333	+6
H.K. & Shai	101	-2
King & Sh	184	+2
Kleinwrt	440	
Lloyds	577	+5
Mercury Sec	473	
Midland	349	+10
Nat West	664	+2
Rea Bros-A	78	
Ryl Bk Scot	253	+3
Schroders	808	
S. St. Aub	85	+1
Std Chtrd	519	
Union Dis	748	+25
Wintrust	a253	-3
Wintrust	260	
Financial Trusts		
Amer Tst	18½	
Aust Agr	285	
Brit Arrow	106	+4
Daily M	a£11	
Dalgety	478	
Exco	673	-10
Inchcape	430	-3
Lon Inv Tst	a29	
M & G Hldgs	605	+5
Mathsn Fin	24	
Martin RP	385	
Nash Sec	41	
Prov Fin	392	
Sime Darby	80	-1
Smith Bros	a109	+1
Wagon Fin	62	
Breweries		
Ald Lyons	a176	-3
Bass	a491	-3
Bell A	161	
Belhaven	39	+1
Bodd Brew	79	
Brown M	a276	
Bulmer HP	a147	
Davenport	258	
Devenish	535	
Distillers	a306	
Faulkner	a425	
Greenall W	a179	
Greene King	a160	
Guinness	a236	-1
Highland Dis	60	
Hiscoes Brew	a108	
Invergordon	127	
Marston Thm	66	
Scot Nw Bws	a140	-1
Trv City Ltd	a61	
Vaux Brew	a273	
Whitbread A	213	-1
Whitbrd Inv	173	
Wolver & Dly	296	
Comm & Ind		
AAH	138	-1
AC Cars	38	
AGB Res	a227	-2
AI Ind	361	
APV Hldgs	241	
Aaronson	56	+3
Adwest	160	+4
Alcan Al	£27	+½
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	a236	-2
All Plant	22	
Amber Day	81	
AMEC	257	
Amersham	368	-1
Amstrad	80	+2
Anchor Ch	204	-1
Ang TV-A	156	
Ang-A Ind	591	
Arenson	28	+1
Argyll Grp	275	-1
Arlington	170	
Arncliffe	44	
Ash & Lacy	417	
Ass Book	376	
Ass B Eng	12	
Ass B Fds	a214	
AB Ports	231	-1
Ass Dairies	a158	
Ass Eng	a128	
Ass Fish	102	+1
Ass News	a725	+5
Assoc Paper	a190	-1
Astra	73	
Audiotronic	61	
Ault & W	38	+1
Auto Prod	83	
Avana	587	
Avon Rbr	a245	+5
BAT Ind	383	-5
BBA	58	+1
BPB Ind	281	
BSR	143	
BTR	639	-15
Babcock	150	-3
Bailey B	28	
Bailey CH	231	+1½
Baird (W)	325	
Bairstow	a74	
Baker P	a186	-3
Barr & W A	98	+1
Barratt Dv	78	
Barrow HP	48	
Bassett (G)	a105	+1
Bath & Pt	300	+3
Beatson CK	198	+2
Beattie A	136	
Beazer	385	+4
Beckman (A)	85	
Beecham	a360	-3
Bejam	154	-1
Bentalls	71	-1
Beristords	a110	
Bestobell	310	
Betec	60	
Bett Bros	60	
Bibby (J)	265	
BICC	258	
Biddle	150	
Billam J	73	
Birmid Q	83	-½
B'ham Mint	a315	
Black P	210	
Bluebird	73	
Blue Circle	486	-2
Blundell P	140	+2
BOC Grp	a265	-3
Bolton Txt	16	
Booker M	256	+2
Boosey H	133	
Boots	171	-5
Borthwick	a25	
Boulton W	71	
Bowater	226	-8
Bowthorpe	457	
Braithwaite	132	
Brammer	285	
Brick Dud	a66	
Bridon	129	+4
Br Aero	358	-2
Br Car A	58	
BET dfd	313	
BHS	229	-6
Br Mohair	111	
BPC	189	-2
Br Vending	48	-1
Br Vita	182	
Brook St	82	+3
Brown (J)	29	+1
Brunning	162	
Bryant	72	
BSG Intl	22½	
Bullough	427	+5
Bunzl	445	-3
Burco	17	-1
Burnett Hl	175	
Burton Ord	a441	-6
Cable Wire	507	-2
Cbury Sch	161	
Cam Elec Ind	279	
Camford	331	
Cape Inds	44	+1
Carclo Eng	a153	
Carless Cpl	158	-2
Carpets Int	35	
Carr (J)	57	
Carr's Mill	a123	
Casket S	38	
Castings	52	
Cattle's	25½	
Cem Rd	61	+2
Central TV	198	
C.H. Inds	a57	
Ch'lain Phs	741	
Chloride	34	
Christies In	505	+7
Clay (R)	118	
Clyde Btrs	127	
Coalite Gp	a263	-1
Coats Ord	181	+1
Coats Pats	155	
600 Group	48	
Collins Ord	705	
Collins 'A'	548	
Combex	77	
Comfort Hts	a93	
Concentric	84	+1
Cookson	538	+2
Cooper Ind	12	
Cope Allman	141	
Cosalt	65	
Costain Grp	356	+2
Court Furn	480	
Courtaulds	140	-1
Cox de St	48	
Croda Intl	135	-1
Crown Hse	a134	+1
Crystalate	a208	-2
DRG	185	-3
Dale Elec	77	+1
DPCE	440	+10
Davis HM	185	-1
Davies (G)	128	+2
Davy Corp	89	+1
De La Rue	815	-3
Debenhams	191	-4
Dee Corp	a193	+2
Delta Met	141½	+1½
Deritend St	a117	
Desoutter	145	
Dewhirst	82	-2
Dewhurst & T	a24	
Diamond S	30	
Dixons Grp	a542	-12
Dobson Pk	a87½	
Dom Hlds	61	
Dominion Int	a83	-1
Douglas R	52	
Dowty	219	-2
Dubilier	a194	+2
Dufay Bit	38	
Dunhill	293	
Dunlop	35½	-1
Duport	27	
ERF	37	
E Lancs P	a118	
Edbro	a114	
Elbar Ind	50	
Elco Hldgs	88	+1
EIS	166	
Elect Comps	320	-3
Elect Rents	a47	
Elliot B	65	
Ellis & Evd	a240	+2
Elswick-H	11½	
Empire Sts	104	
Erith	65	
Eur Ferries	154½	+1
do Spc Pref	122	+1
Eurotherm	a330	
Excalibur	11	
Exp Metal	302	+7
Extel	94	
Farnell El	189	+3
FEB Intl	108	
Fenner	132	
Ferranti	a158	-2
Fine Art	76	-2
Finlay J	88	+2
First Castle	a119	-9
First Leisure	239	
Fisons	280	-8
Fitch Lvll	a201	+1
Fleet	265	
Folkes HV	21	
Ford (Mtn)	29	
Foseco M	279	+1
Foster Bros	126	+8
Fothergill	136	
Freemans	166	
Friedland DG	180	
French KR	135	-1
Galliford	67	
Garford L	98	
Garton Eng	62	
GEI Intl	88	+1
Gen Elect	a206	-2
Gestetner-A	93	
Gill & Duff	165	-2
Glaxo	£11	
Gleeson	230	
Glynwed	177	-1
Goldbg (A)	a49	+1
Gomme	34	
Grampian	104	+1
Granada	a182	
Grand Met	325	
GUS Ord	a792	-2
GUS 'A'	a682	-5
Greenbank	31	
Greenfield	46	
Grovebell	14	
GKN	204	+6
HAT Grp	a80	+1
HTV NV	128	
Habitat M	a300	-4
Hadan	234	+4
Hall Eng	128	
Hall (Mtt)	304	-2
Halma	a230	-3
Halstead J	92	+8
Hampson	a22	+1
Hanson Tr	a214	-4
Hargreaves	99	-1
Harris Qwy	192	-4
Har & Crsy	451	-2
Harrsn T C	70	
Hartwells	92	
Hawker S	429	-6
Hepwth Cer	142	
Hpwth Ord	a169	-2
Hestair	66	+1
Hewden S	37	
Hickson	430	
Hill & Sm	a72	
Hollas Gp	a26	
Hollis Bros	73	+2
Holt Lloyd	a84	
Home Charm	272	
Hopkinson	148	+1
Horizon Tvl	123	
Hse of Frs	328	
Hse of Lrs	127	
How'd Mac	10	
Howden Gp	86	
ICI	839	-5
IMI	98	
Imperial Gp	194	+1
Ingram H	100	+5
Initial	505	+2
Int Thom Org	567	+3
Johnson FB	14½	+1
J'son Mthy	73	+2
Johnston	180	
Jones & Sh	56	
Jones E	78	
Jones Strd	140	
Jourdan T	123	
Kalamazoo	34	
Kennedy S	288	
Kershaw	108	
Kwikfit	32	
Kwik Save	184	-2
LCP	a120	-1
LRC Int	115	-1
Ladbroke	262	-4
Ladies Pr	271	
Laing 'A'	206	
Laird Group	147	
Lake & Elt	66	+½
Lambt Hwth	203	
Laporte Ind	413	
Lawtex	51	
Lep Grp	248	
Lex Service	298	-5
Leyland Pt	321	
Lilley FJC	66	
Linread	29	
Lister	59½	-1
Lloyd (FH)	54½	-1
Locker Thos	22	
Logica	339	
Lon & Midl'd	202	-3
Ldn Nor G	77½	
Lon Pk Htl	360	+2
Longton	a101	+1
Lonrho	182	+2
Lovell YJ	a204	
Low & Bonar	275	
Low (Wm)	563	
Lowe R B	23	
Lucas Inds	287	-3
MCD Grp	88	
MFI Furn	232	-2
MK Elec	305	
MY Dart	25	+½
Macarthys	152	
McC'dale	a180	
Mackay (H)	80	
McKechnie	138	
Magnet S	a116	
McAlpine	258	
Manders	181	+8
Marchwiel	286	
Marks & Spen	125	-1
Marley	93½	-1
Marling Ind	57½	+½
Marshalls H	a228	
Marsh'l Un	74	
Mtn-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	52	
Martonair	298	
Matthews B	259	
Maunders J	120	
May & Hassl	a90	
Maynards	240	
Menzies J	218	-2
Metal Box	415	-1
Metal Clos	152	
Metalrax	60	
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	a117	
Miller S	17	
Milletts	120	
Mk Intl	48	
M & Allen	360	-5
Mitchell CT	83	
Mollins	134	
Monk A	a124	
More O'Fl	88	-2
Morgan Cr	185	
Moss Bros	308	
Mowlem	a220	+2
Muirhead	184	-6
Myson Grp	71	-1
NSS News	a100	
Neepsend	11½	-½
Neill & Spcr	46	+1
Neill J	127	
Newarthill	630	-5
Newman T	100	+1
Newmark	a209	
News Intl	550	
Nichols Vim	225	-5
Norcros	a166	-1
North Eng	82	-1
N. Foods	a224	-2
Norton Opax	a123	
Nova Kit	28	
Notts Manfg	248	+2
Nurdin & P	164	-2
Octopus Gp	870	
Office & El	150	+2
Ogilvy Mat	£34¼	
Owen O	183	
Oxford Ins	261	
Parker Kn 'A'	167	
Patterson Z	128	
do 'A'	128	
Pauls & W	253	-3
Pearson (S)	653	-3
Peel Hldgs	282	
Peerless	88	
Pegler-Htty	a272	
Pentl'd Inds	385	
Pentos	341	
Petbow Hold	50	
Philcom	34	
Philips	£14½	
Phoenix Tmb	a132	
Photo-Me	£10½	
Pifco Hldg	165	
Pilkington	a288	+5
Pittard	85	
Planet Grp	70	
Platignum	7	
Plaxton's	a89	
Plessey	184	-2
Plysu	219	
Pochins	200	
Portals	575	
Porter Chad	116	
Powell Duff	395	
Pratt Eng	50	
Prestige	138	
Priest (B)	9	
PoW Htls	104	
Pritchard	85	-1
Prop Rev	156	
Queens Most	55½	+½
Quick H & J	47	
Rca Hldgs	a343	
Racal Elect	a210	-2
Ramar Txt	23	
Rank Org	338	
Ranks Hov	124	-3
RMP	a89	
Ransom S J	510	+6
Ratcliff (FS)	60	
Raybeck	25½	+½
Readicut	29	+½
Reckitt & Co	610	-5
Redfearn	a78	+1
Redland	275	-1
Redman He	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	97	
Reed Exec	a122	+1
Reed Intl	572	-2
Renold	160	
Renwick	135	
Restmor	a117	
Reuters	330	
Rich Leic	36	
Rich West	23	
RMC Gp	382	-2
Roberts Adrd	110	
Rock PLC	10	
Rockware	45	
Ropner H	137	
Rotaflex	150	
Rothmans In	200	+1
Rowlinson	33	
Rown Mack	350	-3
Ruberoid	213	
Rugby P C	129	-1
S & U Strs	21	
SGB Grp	160	-2
Saatchi C	900	-5
Sainsbury J	316	-12
Sale Tlney	484	+10
Samuel A	a76	
Sandhurst	85	-3
Sangers	Suspended	
Saville G	88	
Savoy 'A'	393	
Scapa Group	484	-2
Scholes	402	
SEET	a170	
Scotcros	Suspended	
Sears Hldgs	88½	
Securicor	286	
Securicor A	284	
Security S	266	
Selor Intl	39½	
Sellincourt	18	-1
Senior Eng	22	
Shaw Cpt	36	
Shiloh Sps	40	
Sidlaw	a414	+2
Silentnight	a40	
Simon Eng	252	-2
Sirdar	137	
Sketchley	368	
Smith DS	a133	
Smith Hlgs	41	
Smith&Neph	233	
Smith WH	188	-2
Smiths Inds	d196	+4
Smurfit (J)	145	+3
Spirax Sarco	270	
Squirrel H	31	
Staff Potts	100	
Stag Furn	59	
Stakis (R)	182	
STC	252	
Stanley AG	45	+2
Staveley Ind	322	
Std Sim-A	a158	+3
Steel Bros	506	
Steetley	311	
Stewart Pl	a92	
String Grp	a71	
Stockdale	143	
Stoth & Pitt	170	
Strong & F	142	
Sumner	81	
Sutcliffe	30	+6
TI Group	232	-4
TACE	a388	-2
Tarmac	480	-2
Tate & Lyle	a455	-3
Tr Woodrow	380	
Telefusion	35	
Tesco	a233	+3
Text Jersey	71	
Thorn	a419	-2
Tomkins FH	155	
Tootal	63½	+½
Trafgr Hse	382	-2
Trans Dv	111	-½
Travis & A	278	
Trident 'A'	253	
Trinity	280	
Triplex FS	37	
Trusthouse	150	-1
Turner & N	106	-1
Turriff	328	
UBM	144	
UKO Intl	a111	
Unigate	148	+1
Unilever	a£11	-7/64
Utd Bisc	194	-1
Utd Parcels	93	
Utd News	323	-3
Utd Scient	a222	-2
Valor	183	
Vantona	284	
VG Instrs	264	
Vibroplant	145	
Vickers	234	+1
Vict Carpt	33	+2
Volex	a126	+1
Wadd J	a515	-5
Wade Potts	119	
Wadkin	128	
Wagon Ind	132	
Ward Hldgs	128	
Ward White	228	+2
Waring & G	122	
Waterford	40½	+½
Wats Blk	214	
Wedgwood	220	
Weir Group	40½	+½
Wellman Eng	13½	
Westland	a127	-2
Wettern	68	
Whessoe	88	
Whitecroft	a147	
W'sale Fit	283	+8
Widney	a23½	
Wigfall (H)	126	
Wilkes (J)	186	+7
Wilms Hldgs	186	+4
Wimpey G	104	
Wolsy-Hughs	308	
Woodhead	24	
Woolworth	588	-5
Yls Chem	74	+1
Insurance		
Alexander	a£24 1/16	+⅛
Britannic	625	+2
Comm Un	184	-1
Equity & L	233	+5
Genl Accdt	538	+3
GRE	665	+2
Heath C E	626	+1
Hogg Rob'son	a245	
Legl & Gn	565	+2
Lon & Mcr	499	-3
Lon Utd	285	-3
Marsh & Mcl	a£55	-7/16
Minet Hldgs	262	+11
Pearl	£11 37/64	+3/64
Prudential	536	
Refuge	300	
Royal	578	
Sedgwick	377	-1
S. Wrtson	687	-2
Sun Al & L	430	
Sun Life	724	
Trade Indem	275	
Willis Fabr	659	-2
Windsor Sec	47	+1
Investment Trusts		
Alliance Trst	635	+2
Amr. Tr	140	-1
AA Secs C	286	-1
Ashdown	414	
Atlas AT	103	-1
Bankers In	a93	
Brit Amer	103	
Brit Assets	a206	-1
Brit IT	338	
City & Conl	341	
Cons Vent	97	-1
Derby Inc	a100	-2
Derby Cap	101	
Drayton Japn	402	-4
Drayton Cons	284	
Drayton Prem	394	
Edin Am	212	
Electra	118	-1
Eng & Int	244	
F&C Pac	155	
F & C Allianc	50	
Family IT	200	
First Union	a170	+10
Fleming F.E.	310	+2
Fleming Mer	112	
Fleming Ovs	a122	-1
Fleming Tech	a154	-3
Fur & Col	139	-1
Fundinvest	41	
Fundinvest C	272	
Gen Funds	578	
Gen Stock	152	
Globe IT	a264	-1
Hambros	148	
Inv in Suc	525	
Jove Cap	18	
do Inc	83	
Law Deb C	173	
M & G Inc	a306	-2
M & G Cap	482	-2
Merchants	92	
Murray Inc	a113	
do 'B'	108	-1
Murray Grth	91	-1
Murray Int	123	
Murray Sml	177	-4
do 'B'	176	
Murray Vent	278	-1
N'Thr Inc	371	
N'Thr Cap	31½	+½
River & M	129	
Robeco	£18½	+½
Rolinco	£16½	-½
Scot Amer In	215	+1
Scot North	125	
Sec Alliance	554	
Shires IT	a233	
Smaller CPS	70	-1
Stockhldrs	138	
Tr Aust IT	97	+1
Tr Ind Gen	148	-1
Tr Tech IT	98	-1
Tr Tr Trustee	a131	
Throgm Tr	230	-3
Tyneast Inc	77½	
Tyneast Cap	498	-2
Viking	76	
SA Mines		
AA Corp	$11¾	+1
AA Gold	$83½	-1½
Bracken M	180c	+7
Buffls GM	a$33¼	
Driefontein	a$24¼	
E Rand Pr	575	
Fy Stt Ged	$21¼	-1
Gencor	$11½	
GSFA	$13¾	-1
Groot Prop	575	-1
Harmony	$13½	
Jnburg C In	$86½	-1
Kloof GM	a$35½	-1
Leslie GM	255c	-10
Loraine	340c	+5
Mid Wit W	a501	
Pres Brand	$24½	-1
Pres Steyn	$28½	
Randfontn	$87½	-2
St Helena	a$16½	-1
SA Land	288c	+3
Stilfnt GM	a$9½	-1
Vaal Reefs	$87	+3
Vlakfntn	f168c	
W Rand C	a$4½	+½
W Deep L	$35½	-½
Westn Hgs	$27½	-1
Winkelhk	$30	
Mining		
A-A Inv T	$42½	-1
Ayer Htm	275	
Br Hill Prop	f376	-6
Charter Con	206	-2
Cons Gold	489	+2
Cons Murch	a£4½	
De Beers Pr	a£6½	
De Beers dfd	414	
MTD (Mngl)	15	
Minorco	75½	+2
Nth B Hill	157	-6
Rio Tinto Z	642	-5
Tronoh Mns	290	
W Mining Co	235	-4
New Issues		
BT	124	-1
Jaguar	305	+1
Our Price	350	+5
Robertson R	a242	
Oil		
Anvil Pet	60	
Brit-Bmse	313	+3
Bristol	28	
BP	528	-3
Britoil	210	-3
Burmah	213	
Century	80	
Charterhall	50	
C'house Pet	102	
Clyde Pet	95	+2
Enterprise	180	
Hunting Pt	126	
Imp C Gas	a313	
LASMO Ops	490	
LASMO Ord	340	+4
Petrocon	152	+2
Premier Cns	a44	-1
Ryl Dutch	£46⅞	+19/64
Shell Trns	745	+2
Tricentrol	190	-3
Ultramar	293	
Property		
Allied Lndn	108	
Beltway	129	
Bilton (P)	224	
Bradford Pro	385	
Brit Land	a135	
Brixtn Est	129	
Cap & Cnt	201	-1
Chesterfield	420	
Connells Est	88	
Control Sec	a38	
Daejan	330	+15
Est Pro Inv	a145	
Evans-Leeds	71	
Grt Port E	152	+2
Greycoat	a198	
Haslemere	a486	
Laing Prop	288	+2
Land Sec	292	-1
Marlborough	53	
MEPC	308	-3
Mountleigh	a275	
Mountview	a315	+25
Peachey Pr	246	+3
Prop Hldg	117	
Prop Sec In	a127	-8
Raglan	8	+½
Rush & T	214	
Samuel Prop	149	+1
Scot Met P	81	
Slough Ests	130	
Stock Conv	423	-5
Trafford Pk	195	-3
Utd Real	500	
Warnford	420	
Webb (J)	24	-½
Rubber		
Barlow Hlds	101	
Grnd Cent	10	
High & Low	91	
Shipping		
Br & Com	255	
Common Br	95	
Hunting G	85	+1
Jacobs (J)	54	
LOFS	31	
Ocean T & T	152	-1
P & O Dfd	a393	-10
Reardon 'A'	7	
Runciman	77	
Tea & Coffee		
Camellia	£26	
Lawrie	£14½	

a Ex dividend b Offer assented c Non assented d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted pp Part Paid

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	24.70	Greece	148.00	Portugal	188.00
Belgium	70.50	Ireland	1.14	Spain	195.00
Canada	1.49	Italy	2,170.00	Sweden	10.11
Denmark	12.63	Malta	0.585	Switzerland	2.97
France	10.74	Netherlands	3.97	USA	1.1225
Germany	3.51	Norway	10.20	Yugoslavia	280.00

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (One Month)
Australia	1.3930–1.3950	1.3850–1.3870	
Austria	25.09–25.13	25.13–25.17	13.125 to 11.5 gro prem.
Belgium	71.51–71.75	71.62–71.74	16 to 9c prem.
Canada	1.4913–1.4949	1.5004–1.5028	0.41c to 0.32c premium
Denmark	12.74–12.75	12.76–12.78	2.875 to 1.75 ore prem.
France	10.90–10.92	10.93–10.95	2.625 to 1.75c prem.
Germany	3.57–3.58	3.57–3.58	2.125 to 1.875 pfg prem.
Greece	144.43–147.35	144.40–147.36	
Hong Kong	8.80–8.81	8.80–8.81	
Ireland	1.1501–1.1511	1.1488–1.1498	
Italy	2196.99–2204.57	2,203.03–2,210.64	2 to 5 lire dis.
Japan	288.29–288.72	288.43–288.80	
Netherlands	4.0334–4.0527	4.0445–4.0503	2.375 to 2c prem.
Norway	10.31–10.36	10.34–10.37	1.75 to 0.5 ore prem.
Portugal	193.86–195.90	195.07–196.38	180 to 475 es dis.
Spain	196.62–197.92	198.13–198.87	
Sweden	10.18–10.20	10.22–10.24	0.25 to 1.5 ore dis.
Switzerland	3.03–3.04	3.02–3.03	2 to 1.625c prem.
USA	1.1235–1.1245	1.1310–1.1320	0.41c to 0.37c prem.

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.70; French franc 9.70; DM 3.17; yen 256.60.

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit rate: 8.5–9
Bank base rate: 14
Bank overdraft: 15–17
Building society mortgage: 12.5–13
Building society deposit: 7.75
Finance house rate: 10.5

UK MONEY MARKETS

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bill	—	13	12½	—
Eligible bills	—	13¼	12½	11 7/16
Interbank rate	13½	13½	12½	12½
Discount market	13½	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

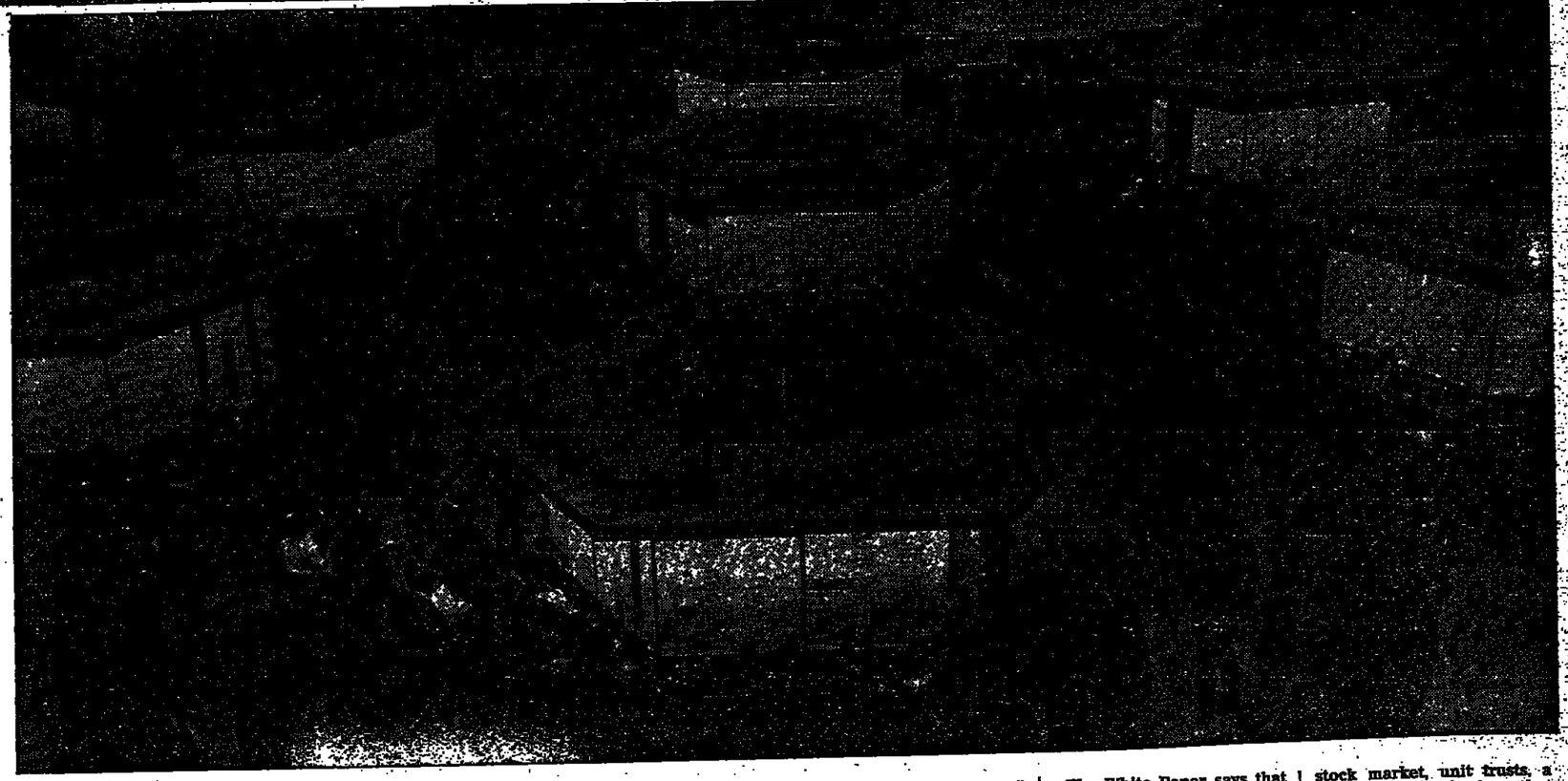
	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8 23/32	9	9¼
Euro DM	6¼	6¼	6¼
Euro Fr fr	10⅝	11	11 5/16
Euro SW fr	5 7/16	5 7/16	5 7/16

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds 9 per cent US prime rates 10½

The Stock Exchange . . . "companies will still be expected to keep their own houses in order."

This week a Government White Paper revealed the kind of controls it believes necessary to protect investors and to keep the investment industry alive and well. Margaret Dibben reports

The eleventh commandment



THE QUESTION of savings and the protection of investors reached a notable stage this week when Mr Norman Tebbit introduced a White Paper on the subject. Under the all embracing title Financial Services in the United Kingdom, the paper gives details about the controls and regulations that the Government would like to see to protect investors, both small and large, *against fraud* and mismanagement, and to provide healthy markets to give a wide choice of places in which to invest.

Two new organisations will be set up to take over responsibility for controlling and policing the investment industry and those covered by the new law will need to be properly authorised.

The White Paper, based on Professor Gower's original report, is just one stage and by no means the final word. It ranges over a variety of aspects of the subject; as an indication of how you might be affected, here is a guide.

The aims:

The Government, in line with its policy of encouraging competition and free markets, defines the objectives of the new framework for investor protection under four headings: efficiency; competitiveness; confidence; and flexibility.

The new legislation is designed to meet these objectives in several ways. First, market forces will be allowed to operate as part of which customers should be given as much information as possible about the investments and services they are being offered.

The law should be clearly and easily understood and vigorously enforced. On the basis that prevention is better than cure, the new framework is intended to make fraud not only a criminal offence but less likely to occur in the first place.

Then, although there will be two new overseeing bodies to patrol their activities, the companies operating in the investment market will still be expected to maintain a degree of self-regulation and keep their own houses in order.

But, after all this protection and care for the investor, the White Paper emphasises the warning *caveat emptor* — let the buyer beware. The responsibility is, in the end, with investors themselves. If and when, the White Paper becomes law, investors must still take responsibility for using their judgment when deciding where to invest their money.

As the White Paper says, if someone is given all the facts needed to make a choice, and still makes a foolish decision, putting all their savings in a speculative and high risk proposition which collapses, then it will be no use running to the law for compensation.

The new law is intended to reduce the likelihood of fraud in the first place and to encourage high standards in the investment business. Whether it will is a different matter.

Which investments and activities are covered:

Exactly what is included in the proposed legislation is clearly defined. Investments are taken to mean: stocks and shares; units in unit trusts; gilts, local authority bonds and nationalised industry stock; options; and second-hand mortgages.

Then, there are pre-packaged investments, which include life insurance policies. These are frequently sold as investments particularly when they are tied in with unit trusts.

And also, rather than the investments themselves, there are the people involved in the business of selling or recommending investments. This could be taken to include anyone from a specialised commodity market trader down to a sub-postmistress selling National Savings. Not all of them will need to be authorised.

Those that will, include businesses that actually transact investment, either on their own behalf or as an agent; businesses that manage investments; unit trust managers; those who give advice about investments (with certain exceptions); someone issuing promotional material; and anyone publishing tipsheets.

Products which will be excluded:

Investments which will not come under the auspices of the new act include property, such as your own home; and a business sold as a single item.

Under the tangible property label, market gardens, stud farms and franchises will be excluded.

Other buying and selling investment activities will not come into the authorisation net: if you are dealing for your own portfolio; working as a financial journalist (as on these Weekend Money pages); a "share shop" set up by a company for its employee shareholders; investment clubs like Christmas clubs; an agent for National Savings.

The fit and proper test:

The new legislation is designed to make sure that anyone coming within its scope is "fit and proper" to carry out its business. It will be a criminal offence to carry on investment business without authorisation. Companies and individuals will need to provide detailed information to pass the Investment Board which patrols them.

Protection: Any money that savers hand over will be safeguarded. The investment business will be required to keep clients' money separately from its own and they will not be allowed to finance themselves from investors' money.

The White Paper introduces the "know your customer" principle, meaning that, if anyone is to give advice, they must understand their clients' requirements.

Compensation:

If any investors loses money from fraud or negligence, then he should be entitled to compensation. Exactly what form this will take is not laid down.

There could be a funded compensation scheme, as building societies already have; or the business could be transferred to other companies; or there could be an insurance scheme.

Competition:

Even though there are going to be these two new regulatory bodies overseeing investment businesses' activities, the Government nonetheless wants to encourage competition throughout the financial services sector. The new rules will positively encourage this.

Marketing:

Marketing of the pre-packaged investments — life insurance and unit trusts — will be regulated under the proposed legislation: the fine detail here has still to be worked out but it will include a statutory "cooling off" period on the sale of investments.

Cold calling:

This method of selling is already widespread with double glazing salesmen and the like. The salesman stops you in the street or telephones your home, often on a Saturday afternoon.

The White Paper says that the most effective protection against "any mischief" resulting from cold calling is down to the individual: using common sense and the will-power to put down the telephone or close the door.

But this safety net will be reinforced with a "cooling off" period as already exists with life insurance policies. The customer is given a certain amount of time in which to change his or her mind.

Unit trusts will be permitted to be sold by cold calling, as long as there is the cooling off period.

Commissions:

The Government does not want to take responsibility for fixing life insurance and unit trust commissions (ROLAC, the Registry of Life Assurance Commissions is already working on this) but it does say that commissions and other financial benefits or incentives should be disclosed to the customer.

The salesman will have to tell, early on in your discussions and again on the contract, just how much commission he is going to make out of selling you a particular product.

However there is a chance that salesmen who are opposed to anyone knowing how much they earn will still be able to avoid this by limiting their commission to a voluntarily agreed level.

Unit trusts:

As part of the Government's enthusiasm for encouraging individuals to invest in the stock market, unit trusts, a way of investing in shares but spreading the risk, are given special attention.

Unit trusts themselves would be allowed to invest more widely. And they will be allowed to sell a more varied range of products. A new "restricted" category of unit trusts will be more speculative than they have previously been permitted to offer. Salesmen will also be allowed to "cold call" to try and sell unit trusts: at present they are only allowed to respond to your invitation.

Enforcement:

This section is the nub of the whole plan. All the regulation in the world is useless if it cannot be enforced.

The two new boards, and back up self-regulatory organisations will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the law. There will be both criminal penalties and civil law retribution for defaulters.

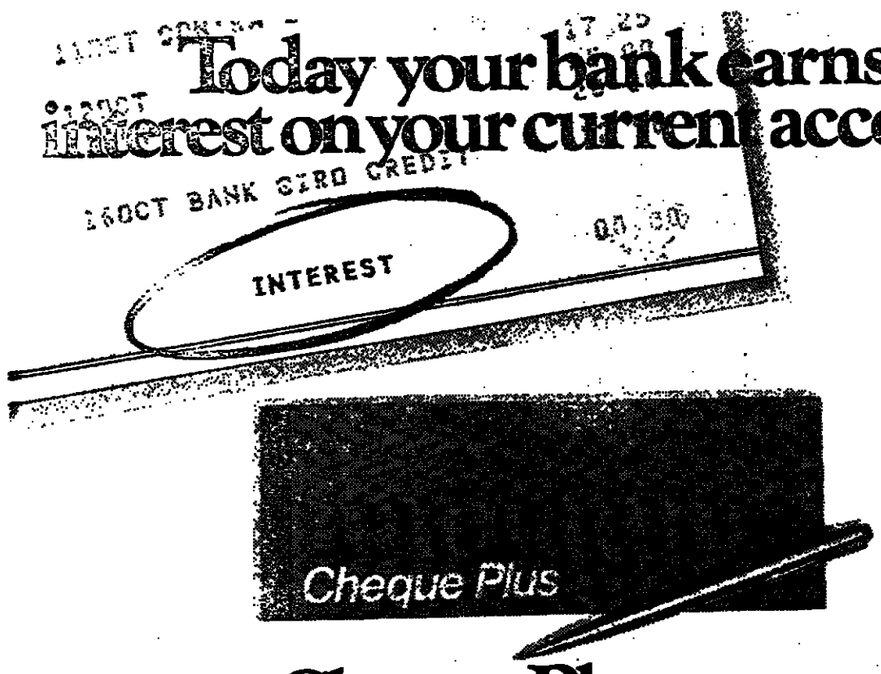
Conclusion:

Protection for the small investor is to be encouraged. But very few people or businesses set out deliberately to defraud savers.

The danger is the deliberate confidence man who will still try to find a way round the new legislation. And you cannot legislate against the rapacious: if an investor is greedy enough to fall for an advertisement offering an enormously high rate of interest compared with general market rates, no one can stop them from taking the risk.



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Everything you need to know before you invest

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Anyone aged between 18 and 79.

2. **When are the income payments made?**
The income payments will be made each year on the anniversary of the commencement date of your Bond. You will receive five income payments in total and at the end of the five year term your capital will be returned.

3. **What is the tax position?**
If you are a basic rate taxpayer throughout the term of the Bond there will be no income tax liability on either the annual income or return of your capital. However, the benefits provided by the Bond may give rise to a reduction in age allowance.
If you are a higher rate taxpayer there may be an additional tax liability but the effective gross yield is even more attractive.

Rate of Tax	Net Return	Gross Equivalent
30%	8.50%	12.14%
40%	7.72%	12.87%
50%	6.93%	13.86%
60%	6.12%	15.30%

4. **Can I cash in my Bond?**
No. To guarantee the high rate of return we must retain your investment for the full five years.

5. **What happens if I die?**
Should you die during the term of your Bond TSB Life guarantee to return your capital together with any income that has accumulated since the last annual payment, up to the date of death.

The information above is based on our understanding of present law and Inland Revenue practice and assumes a basic rate of income tax of 30%. This offer is strictly limited and may be withdrawn, or the terms revised. It is not open to residents of Eire.

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Details of Bondholder — BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE
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Forenames _____
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Date of Birth _____
I wish to invest £ _____ (minimum £1,000, maximum £100,000 in multiples of £100) in a TSB Guaranteed Bonus Bond and I enclose my cheque payable to TSB Life Limited.
I would like my Annual Income to be paid into my Bank Account/sent to my Home Address*
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Are you a TSB customer? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Motor insurance, like most things, is going up. Here Mary Brazier looks at ways to cut the costs but not the cover, and below, Lawrence Lever suggests ways to spread the load.

If you want to drive a hard bargain

FOR MANY motorists, surviving winter driving conditions may not be enough. Just when you thought the worst was over and it was safe to go back on the roads motor insurance rears its ugly head. Depending on who you are insured with, the cost could be about 6 per cent higher than last year.

The Prudential and Guardian Royal Exchange are among companies which have raised rates. But, even if you do not face an increase, it is worth checking to see whether you can cut costs on your policy without jeopardising your protection.

The choice of policies is widening all the time, and the recent intervention into the market by banks should reinforce that trend. The Trustee Savings Banks are working on a comprehensive scheme to be unveiled in a couple of weeks time, which will be sold through their branches. And last year Bank of Scotland launched its motor package aimed at drivers with a three-year no accident record in the 25-74 age group.

There are added benefits to the Bank's policy: it offers a free green card for drivers spending up to 30 days abroad, which would normally cost at least £15; and a second car can be added to the policy without having to build up a no claims discount from scratch.

Maximising and keeping your no claims discount is perhaps the best way of cutting motor insurance costs. Careful drivers are favoured by all insurance companies through policies linked to your claims experience. So, if your record is clean, it is worth shopping around to get the best deal.

General Accident, for example, offer policies through the Scottish General Drivers Club as an alternative to their Keep Motoring Cover. If you are 25 and over, have a 60 per cent no claims bonus and a five-year accident free record, Drivers Club policies offer built-in protection of your no claims bonus so that you are allowed two claims in two years without losing your discount. The cost of comprehensive cover outside London is £92.50, against £132 under the Keep Motoring scheme, although you are liable to pay part of the claim yourself and there is no free car hire while your own vehicle is off the road.

The Pru also now offers careful drivers a way of holding on to their no claims discount even if they are not insured under its Top Drivers Policy. From last November the company has been offering protection as an optional extra to standard policies at a cost of between 6 and 10 per cent of the premium. Drivers must be 25 and over and have built up a maximum no claims discount.

It is worth checking too to see whether your insurance company allows you to claim for shattered windscreens and damage to windows without losing your no claims bonus. Some do, but others deduct points for that kind of damage which could push your premium up next year.

Another way in which you can cut the cost of insurance is to agree to a higher excess. This is the part of the claim which you agree to pay yourself, and, the higher the figure you accept, the lower your premium will be. You can reduce your premium by anything from five to 25 per cent depending on how much you are prepared to pay out of your own pocket for damage you sustain.

Restricting cover to only one person can lessen the bill by around 10 per cent, but it means that, even in an emergency, you will be the only person insured to drive the car.

If your car is old, it is probably worth forgoing your comprehensive cover to third party fire and theft and, at the other end of the scale, before you splash out on an expensive foreign car, remember that buying British is cheapest in terms of the cost of insurance, because companies take into account the cost of spares when calculating your premium and these are more expensive in foreign models.

Check on special case discounts. Women, particularly those under 30, may be eligible for an extra reduction because they are thought to be a better risk. Older drivers too are often accorded special terms, so it is worth asking your insurance company about possible reductions.

Some policies such as the Bank of Scotland package also offer cover against being out of pocket on legal expenses. If you are involved in pursuing a claim for an uninsured loss such as car hire or loss of earnings as a result of a car accident, this may be useful. Purchased separately this can cost around £10.

Finally if you cannot prune your premium any further, you may be able to save money on the method of payment.

Wheeling and dealing with the payments

CHRISTMAS presents and the January sales have exhausted all your ready cash and then the inevitable happens: the renewal notices for both your car and household insurance arrive heralding the need for a further financial outlay.

One way of alleviating the burden on your strained finances is to pay your insurance premiums in instalments, a facility now on offer from most insurance companies.

But insurance companies are very quirky about instalment payments; some allow you to pay five equal monthly sums others (such as Commercial Union) insist on an initial deposit plus instalments, while the more obliging ones allow you to spread payments evenly over the entire year.

Payment usually has to be by direct debit and the facility as a whole is generally only available where the annual premium is over £50. Exceptions are Sun Alliance — no minimum — and Prudential — £30. Nothing in this world comes free, and the insurance companies levy a service charge for the instalment facility.

This is expressed either as a percentage of the premium, for example Sun Alliance's 6 per cent service charge (13.7 per cent APR); or else as a handling fee, such as Commercial Union's £1 per one hundred pounds' worth of premium or part thereof.

The table shows the repayment timetables and effective rates of interest on instalment schemes run by most of the major insurance companies. All of them operate the scheme on both household and motor policies.

On the whole, payment by instalments represents a cheap method of spreading the cost; bear in mind that all the companies in the table, with the exception of Norwich Union, will allow you, as an alternative to the instalment route, to pay by Access or Barclaycard, the rate of interest on which is 23.1 per cent. APR on true rate.

Clearly, if you opted for credit card payment and settled the bill over the year, this would work out more expensive. If, however, your insurance renewal merely arrives at a bad time, you could use your credit card, simply to give you a little breathing space until your cash flow improves.

As the credit charge interest rate is levied monthly (1.75 per cent) you should, in most cases, still be paying less than under the instalment option if, say, you settled the credit card bill after incurring only a month's interest.

You would not, however, beat the General Accident instalment offer; in hard cash terms this is the cheapest of the lot with a fixed service charge of £1. This will apply to combined General Accident premiums with the same renewal dates so that you could pay only £1 extra for both your household and motor policy instalments.

The effect of the flat fee also means that General Accident's APR will become smaller, the higher your premiums are. For a £50 premium the APR works out at 12.6 per cent whilst for a £250 one it is as low as 2.4 per cent.

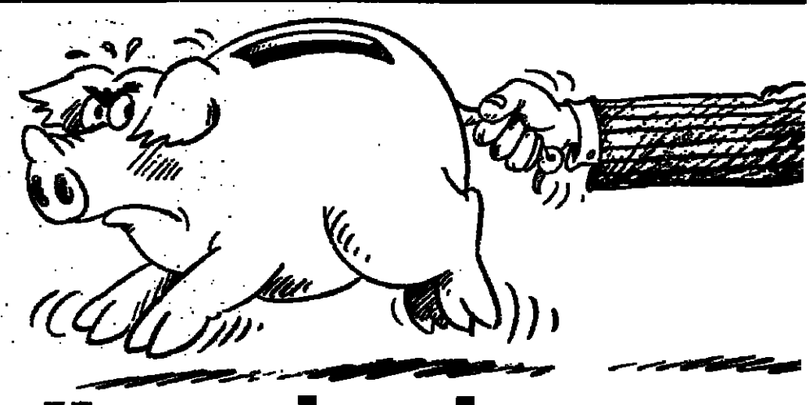
The Royal instalment scheme is one of the more expensive ones. The service charge is a flat 6 per cent (13.7 per cent APR) and on a premium of £84 you would altogether be paying an extra £5.04. Even this works out at only an extra 42p per month.

Finally, as the renewal date for your policies looms large, ask for details of the instalment options. The insurance companies are not always as vigilant as they could be in bringing the schemes to the notice of existing policyholders who have long been using the traditional one off payment method.

The vehicle you can drive uninsured — See Page 24

INSURANCE BY INSTALMENTS

Name	Repayments	APR
Norwich Union (Scheme A)	Five equal monthly	6.2%
Norwich Union (Scheme C)	Five equaly bi-monthly	12.5%
Sun Alliance	12 equal monthly	13.7%
Eagle Star	12 equal monthly	13.7% average
Commercial Union (Annual)	First payment 2 month deposits then 10 equal monthly	13.7-13.9%
Commercial Union	Five equal monthly	6.2-12.6%
General Accident	Five equal monthly	12.6% variable (£50 premium) 2.4% (£250 premium)
Legal & General	Five equal monthly	Variable (£75 premium-17.1%)
Royal	12 equal monthly	13.7%
Prudential	12 equal monthly	13.0%



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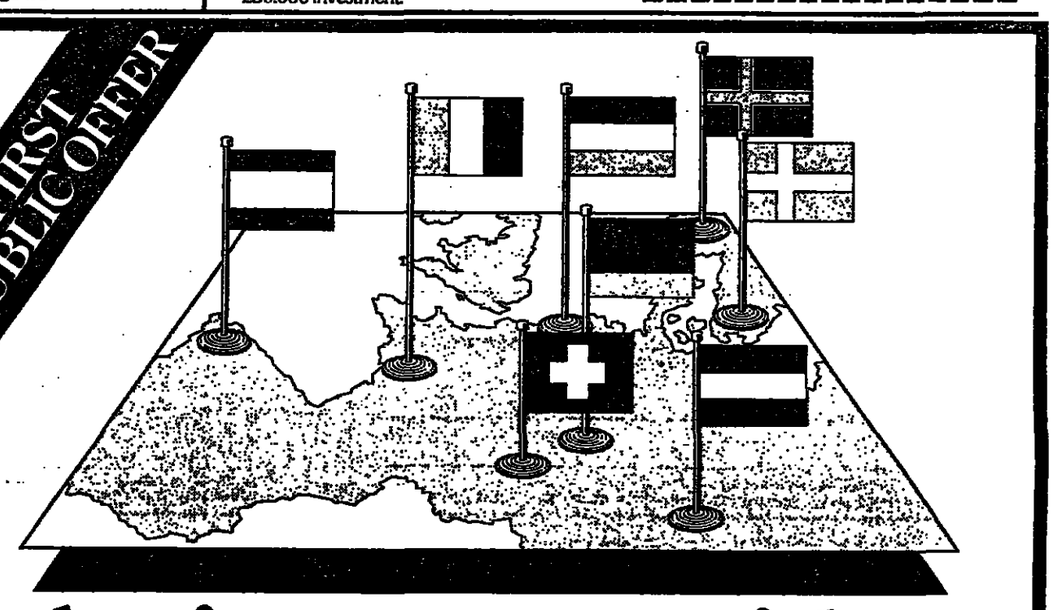
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THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

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At Henderson we believe the time is right to invest in the smaller companies of Europe and we are now launching a new unit trust to enable you to do just that.

THE RIGHT MANAGERS

The objective of Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is to achieve above average growth through investment in the shares of companies quoted on the stock-markets of Europe (excl. the U.K.) and which have capitalisation of less than £60 million. The estimated gross annual yield will be 1.0%.

The trust will be managed by the same team that manages over £2.3 billion of investors' funds and which has an outstanding track record of international investment performance. The Henderson European Trust, for example, has (including reinvested net income) achieved an increase in value of 486%* over the last 10 years. At the present time, the Group currently has over £70 million invested in Continental Europe.

The managers plan to spread the new trust's portfolio broadly and to manage it actively. Initially, the portfolio is expected to be distributed: France 30%, Norway 25%, Germany 10%, Holland 10%, Sweden 5%, Switzerland 5%, Belgium 5%, others (including Spain, Denmark, Austria, Italy and Finland) 10%.

THE RIGHT IDEA

If you share our view that Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is an idea whose time has come you can invest at the fixed launch offer price of 50p per unit, simply by returning the application form below, together with your cheque either directly to the managers or through your professional adviser **by Friday, 15th February 1985.**

You should remember however that the price of units in a unit trust and the income from them can go down as well as up and that you should regard your investment as long term.

*offer to offer basis net income reinvested to 2/1/85

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An initial charge of 5¼% on the assets (equivalent to 5% of the issue price) is made by the managers when units are issued. Out of the initial charge, managers pay remuneration to qualified intermediaries; rates available on request. The Trust Deed provides for an annual charge of 1½% (plus VAT) on the value of the Trust to be deducted from the gross income to cover administration costs.

Distributions of income will be paid on 10th December each year, net of basic rate tax.

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Trustee: Midland Bank Trust Co. Limited, 119 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1AQ.
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Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust

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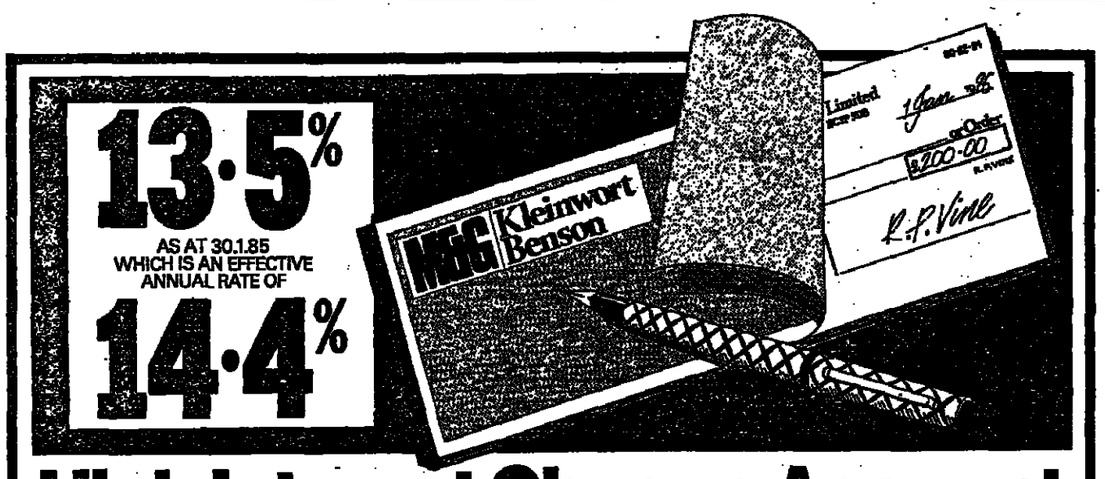
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The Sinclair C5

No need to insure the C5, but it might be wise, says David Worsfold

A few electric shocks

THE LAUNCH by Sir Clive Sinclair of his revolutionary plastic car, the Sinclair C5, has been accompanied by much gnashing of teeth among safety experts, motoring organisations and insurance companies.

With singular aplomb, he dived straight into a legal vacuum. The C5, the advertisements remind us, needs no licence to drive it and does not have to be taxed because it falls outside the current requirements of the Road Traffic Acts. A third consequence of this absence of appropriate legislation is that there is also no legal compulsion to insure a C5. If Sir Clive Sinclair has got it right and there really is a demand for his electric tricycle, there could be 100,000 C5s on the road by the end of 1985, all of them unlicensed, untaxed . . . and uninsured.

So, why should you take out insurance cover for driving a C5 if the law doesn't compel you to do so? For much the same reasons as you should if you own an ordinary motor car: to cover yourself against loss, damage and injury to other people. The first two are obvious enough: if you spend £400 on a C5, you do not want to kiss goodbye to it if it gets stolen or badly damaged. The third reason may not be so obvious but without adequate insurance it could cost you a lot more than £400.

If you are involved in an accident while driving a C5 and someone is injured as a result of some error on your part, the compensation claim could run into hundreds of thousands of pounds — not something that most of us could pay for out of our loose change. Claims for damage to someone else's property can also be substantial. This is why all motorists should have third party liability cover and why the law requires it.

Fortunately, Sinclair Vehicles have recognised the importance of insurance for potential drivers of the C5 and have put together a special scheme with the Prudential. The insurance is offered on an optional basis and is a comprehensive policy with a few features not usually seen in a standard motor policy. These relate principally to the theft cover where the Prudential is expecting drivers to install and use the optional locking system when leaving the vehicle unattended and to keep it in the house or a locked garage or shed when at home.

The policy will cover up to four named drivers for loss or damage to the vehicle up to the current price, although the policyholder will have to pay the first £25 of any claim, and provides third party liability cover of up to £1,000,000. There are four premium rates as follows based on the age of the youngest named driver:

Age of youngest driver	Annual premium
14-16	£50
17-20	£40
21-29	£25
30 and over	£20

So far, only the Pru has been able to offer cover specifically for the C5. Most other insurance companies are still trying to work out which category to put it in—the thought of creating a new category doesn't seem to have occurred to most of them! Most seem to be drifting towards treating it as a moped, one suggested it might be put in with milk floats and some companies are offering to cover it on the "all risks" section of a house contents policy. In this latter case it is necessary to arrange additional third party liability cover.

On the whole there is a marked reluctance among insurance companies to insure the C5. Many are worried about the safety of it and are particularly concerned about the prospect of 14 year olds driving. Indeed, some companies intending to treat it as a moped say that they will not insure drivers under 16.

The premiums quoted elsewhere varied greatly. The highest was £222 for comprehensive cover for a 16-20 year old in urban areas, and £174 in rural areas. The equivalent rates from the same company for third party, fire and theft only were £74 and £57. The lowest rates around for comprehensive cover were approximately £10 to £15 more expensive than those on offer from the Prudential. So until the rest of the insurance industry makes up its mind what it wants to do with the C5, the Pru's deal is the best on the market.

IN BRIEF:

The will-they won't-they week

JUST as you thought it was safe to go into the building society and ask for a mortgage, the rates went up swiftly followed by threats of more to come. However it now looks extremely unlikely that this will happen, in any case they will delay another increase for a few weeks yet.

After the societies raised their borrowing rates by an average 1.125 per cent to take effect from yesterday, the banks put up their base rate by a further 2 per cent giving building societies serious worry as to whether they had gone far enough. But later in the week, the markets calmed down so, as mortgage demand is comparatively low in the early months of the year, building society chiefs will not feel under pressure to raise rates again when they meet next Friday.

The banks have left themselves in a curious position. The National Westminster alone among the Big Four has increased mortgage rates since the recent jump in base rates.

The TSB has taken the bravely dramatic decision to add 3 per cent to its charges, putting mortgages at 15 per cent for repayment loans and 16 per cent for endowment mortgages in England and Wales (15.25 per cent in Scotland).

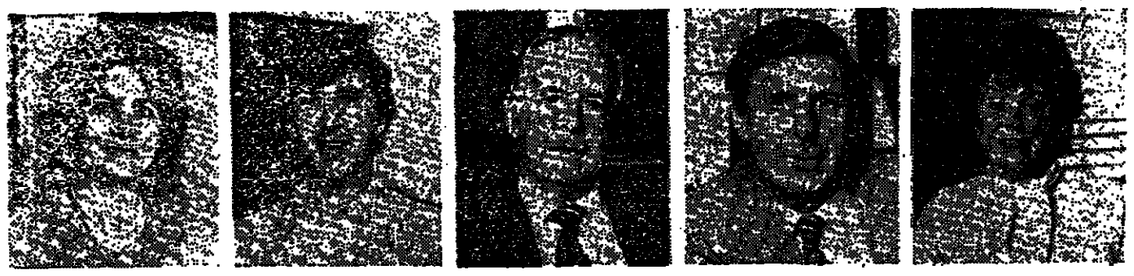
The new rates take effect on March 1 and all include free life insurance.

The automatic topping up

The Alliance BankSave account, an interest earning cheque account with the Bank of Scotland, has moved one step better still by adding free banking to all accounts in credit.

And salaries can now be paid into the building society account more quickly, giving faster access to the 8.25 per cent interest paid net on balances up to £2,500. When the balance in the bank account drops below £100, it is automatically topped up out of the building society account for you.

THE STEWARDSHIP TRUST AND FUND



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"I like to think my money would benefit the community in some way."

"Overseas investments should be in companies with exemplary records of conduct."

"I'd prefer to invest in companies that took a responsible attitude towards ecology."

"I would want my money invested in worthwhile products and services."

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Many people today feel they would like more control over their investments – to know that their money was not supporting activities with which they strongly disagreed. That is why there is a definite need for The Stewardship Unit Trust managed by the specialist Unit Trust Management company of Friends' Provident Life Office, a leading British assurance company founded by the Quakers over 150 years ago with investments today exceeding £2,500 million.

The Stewardship Unit Trust has been set up to provide an investment for all persons or groups, corporate or unincorporate, charitable or otherwise, who through social, religious, political or other reasons, do not regard financial gain as the sole criterion for investment, but look to wider issues.

Investment Policy

The Trust concentrates its investments in the ordinary shares of carefully selected United Kingdom companies whose products, services and operations are of long-term benefit to the community both here and overseas. Investment in companies involved with the armaments, gambling, alcohol and tobacco industries are avoided as far as practicable as generally are companies with interests in South Africa.

Investigations and analysis go beyond the products or services provided and cover such issues as employment practices, attitudes towards local communities, natural resources, pollution control and the political and social environment of countries in which companies trade or have substantial interest.

Investment Objectives

Subject to these broader considerations, the objectives of the Trust are to achieve long-term capital appreciation and increasing income.

In the months following its launch in 1984 The Stewardship Unit Trust out-performed the Financial Times Ordinary Share Index, supporting the reports from the United States appearing in the press here suggesting that ecologically sound enterprises can often out-perform their 'profit-only' orientated counterparts.

Committee of Reference

Although the Unit Trust Managers accept full responsibility for the final selection of investments, they receive guidance from a Committee of Reference as to the suitability of companies for investment.

The members of the Committee, who all take an active interest in questions of social welfare, are as follows:

Charles Jacob	(Investment Manager of Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and financial adviser to certain Charities)
Trevor Jepson	(Chairman of the Management Committee of Ethical Investment Research and Information Service)
Charles Medawar	(Director, Public Interest Research Centre Limited)
Roger Martin	(Trustee, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust)
Joseph Sewell	(Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Religious Society of Friends)
John Whitney	(Director General, I.B.A. and a non-executive Director of Friends' Provident Life Office)
Lyn Wilson	(Management Consultant and a non-executive Director of Friends' Provident Life Office)

The bodies listed show Committee Members' spheres of interest and do not indicate or imply those bodies' association with the Stewardship Unit Trust.

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For 1985, we select four funds which we believe are doing particularly well. Two are straightforward capital growth funds, American & General Fund and International Growth Fund. The other two are more speculative 'recovery' funds, American Turnaround Fund and Recovery Trust.

American & General Fund invests for full-blooded capital growth in smaller US growth companies. Since launch in 1978 the offer price of units is up 286% compared with 81% for the Standard & Poors Composite Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 193.0p (Accumulation units 195.2p).

International Growth Fund also invests for out-and-out capital growth, but on a world-wide basis. It can switch between markets at will. At present 63% is in North America, 16% in the Far East and 17% in the UK. Since launch in 1976 the offer price of units is up 794%, compared with 421% for the FT All-Share Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 149.0p (Accumulation units, 163.4p).

American Turnaround Fund invests in North American recovery stocks. Since launch in October 1979 the offer price of units is up 294%, compared with 75% in the Standard & Poors Composite Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 197.2p (accumulation units, 201.6p).

Recovery Trust invests in both UK and US recovery shares, but with an emphasis on the UK. At present 31% is in North America. Since launch in April 1982 the offer price of units has risen 98% compared with 99% for the FT All-Share Index.

On 23rd January the offer price was 99.2pxd (Accumulation units, 105.4p).

Dollar Loans International Growth Fund and the two American funds have substantial 'back-to-back' loans to hedge against a fall in the dollar. The cost of these reduces the estimated yield to nil. Recovery Trust is not hedged and has an estimated gross yield of 2.37%. Income distributions are on 15th March and 15th September.

The price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

HOW TO INVEST

Units can be bought using the coupon or by telephoning 01-628 5181. The minimum investment is £500 in each fund. Units are allocated at the price ruling when we receive your order. There is a 1% bonus for orders over £10,000, which can be split between the four funds.

Applications are acknowledged and certificates normally sent within 42 days. Units can be sold back at any time; payment is usually made on the day we receive the renounced certificate.

MONTHLY SAVINGS

You can also invest by monthly direct debit. The minimum is £20 a month. For £100 a month or more there is a bonus of 1% extra units.

Units are allocated at the offer price ruling on 5th of each month. Net income is automatically reinvested for you, using accumulation units. Certificates are not issued, but every six months you are sent a statement of your account and a fund report. You can cash in your plans at any time, receiving the full bid value of the accumulated units.

To start your plan, fill in the application and send it to us with your cheque. We shall send you a direct debit mandate to sign and return to us.

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£ _____ in International Growth Fund (minimum £20)
£ _____ in American Turnaround Fund (minimum £20)
£ _____ in Recovery Trust (minimum £20)

I enclose my cheque for £ ..... for my first contribution (this can be for a larger amount than your monthly payments). I am over 18.

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The will-they won't-they week

JUST as you thought it safe to go into the building society and ask for a mortgage, the rates went swiftly followed by threats more to come. However it looks extremely unlikely this will happen, in any case they will delay any increase for a few weeks yet.

After the societies raised their borrowing rates by an average 1.125 per cent with effect from yesterday, the banks put up their base rate by a further 2 per cent giving building societies extra worry as to whether they had gone far enough. But later in the week the markets calmed down so, as mortgage demand is comparatively low in the early months of the year, building society chiefs do not feel under pressure to raise rates again when they meet next Friday.

The banks have left themselves in a curious position. The National Westminster alone among the Big Four has increased mortgage rates since the recent jump in base rates.

The TSB has taken a bravely dramatic decision to add 3 per cent to its charge for putting mortgages at 15 per cent for repayment loans and 16 per cent for endowment mortgages in England and Wales (15.25 per cent in Scotland).

The new rates take effect on March 1 and all include life insurance.

The automatic topping up

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And salaries can now be paid into the building society account more quickly, giving faster access to the 8.35 per cent interest paid net on balances up to £2,500. When the balance in the account drops below £100 it is automatically topped up out of the building society account for you.

Telephone subscribers can save money now British Telecom no longer has a monopoly. Lindsay Cook explains

Putting in a plug for privatisation

TELEPHONES are being returned daily to British Telecom and, in some areas, incentives are being offered to encourage customers to take the handsets into their local office.

This traffic in telephones is the result of the ending of the British Telecom monopoly for providing the first handset to every subscriber, and some BT staff are expecting the trickle to increase to a flood when more customers realise that they have been offered a way of reducing their telephone rental by buying a telephone of their own.

To benefit, most customers should have the new plug and socket system, which has already been fitted to some 10 million residential telephones, so that no cost is involved in the changeover. Customers with the old system will be charged £10 for the conversion, plus £15 visit charge and VAT.

The offer of cheaper rental to customers, who provide their own telephone, was made in the November tariff list, when the cost of renting an exchange line was given as £12.40 a quarter compared with £15.15 for the line and a standard telephone.

And once the VAT is taken into account customers can cover the cost of buying a telephone of their own in one to two years. Those customers who are currently renting a British Telecom Slimtel model — the subject of the Inphone advertisements — and paying £25 a year rental could buy their own one-piece telephone for the same price.

Since 1982 it has been possible to buy second and subsequent telephones and the market has grown steadily with somewhere between 500,000 and one million expected to be sold this year.

Now every high street has a shop selling handsets with Woolworth, British Home Stores, John Lewis Partnership, Fenwicks, Comet, Rymans and even the newsagent chain John Menzies among them.

In Southend British Telecom have opened a new telephone shop, which enables customers to take in their rented model and choose one to buy at the same time. Telephone customers who take advantage of the ending of the BT monopoly from January 1, also have a wider choice of telephones.

British Telecom have seven



different models for rental, while those for sale number more than 20 and the list is being added to all the time. Independent manufacturers extend the choice further.

To be used on a British Telecom line the bought telephones must be approved by the British Approvals Board for Telecommunications. Those with such accreditation have a green circle on them while those which are illegal to use on the system have a red triangle.

More people are buying telephones and Inphone expect an increase in the number buying the first phone once it is more widely known that they can.

Their big sellers, as Christmas gifts, were the Slimtel, which is manufactured by British Telecom, costs an extra £3.25 a quarter to rent and retails at £29.95 and the Statesman at £35.95.

Dialatron was the first independent manufacturing company to gain BABT approval on a single piece phone and these models are the company's biggest sellers with about 30,000 a month of their Rumour models, starting at £24.95, being sold.

The company supplies many of the high street outlets and after a trial in 22 British Home Stores branches telephones will soon be in all the stores.

Their marketing director, Stephen Hughes, says that most customers choose a telephone to match their decor and that the savings now possible were a bonus.

Telephone sales were still often an impulse buy and this was shown by the number sold in newsagents' shops, he added.

The Telephone Shop in Paddington, London, has been established for six years and sells a wide range of approved models from a straightforward one piece telephone at £24.95 to a model, which can be programmed to remember 56 numbers and automatically dial them, at £169.

Customers are colour-conscious, taking in bits of wallpaper to match with their new telephone, he said. But surprisingly one of his big sellers is a black bakelite model called the King George V Jubilee telephone, which costs £55.

The John Lewis Partnership have telephones in all their stores and say that trade is spread evenly across the range from the simple to the sophisticated models.

Customers who want to return their first handset should contact British Telecom locally, who will either arrange for an engineer to collect it or offer an incentive to the subscriber to return it themselves. A BT spokesman said: "We are trying to get the handsets returned as economically as possible and in some areas offers are being made to encourage the customer to take them in."

Once BT gets the returned telephones they are renovated and polished, with new covers being added if necessary, and then reissued to rental customers.

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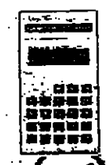
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YOUR MONEY LETTERS

answered by Margaret Dibben

Life saver

I HAVE had a ten-year life policy for four years with contributions linked to a building society. I was told at the outset that to get the best return I should cash it in at this stage and start a new ten-year scheme. Is this still advisable? M.H., Rugby.

UNLESS you need the money, I would say keep your policy going for the remainder of the term. Remember that you are one of the lucky ones getting the 15 per cent tax relief on your savings which was abolished on new contracts in the 1984 Budget. This is a bonus you will never get again, so think carefully before you give it up.

Reading up

I AM interested in commodity trading, in particular barley, wool and potatoes, as I know something about farming. Could you let me know of one or two books to read? P.H., Bordon.

Try Introduction to Commodities. This book outlines the facts about commodity speculation in layman's terms. It surveys the various markets and the different types of trading, and there is a useful glossary which interprets such terms as arbitrage, spreads, and straddles. You may be particularly interested in Farming Futures, which is a guide to the agricultural commodity futures markets. This book is specially aimed at farming people including agricultural students. The books are respectively priced at £5.95 (paperback) and £12.50 from Woodhead Faulkner (Publishers) Ltd, Fitzwilliam House, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

Specialist

MY SON, aged 30, has recently started his own business. He wishes to provide for a pension at the age of, say, 60. With so many companies offering a variety of schemes it is all rather confusing. Can you suggest the names of any companies who will give unbiased advice? H.E.N., Middlesbrough.

LIKE everyone else, pensions advisers need paying for their trouble. They are normally paid by the insurance company with whom they place a particular client's business, but it is over-sceptical and a little unfair to assume that a broker will necessarily go where he gets the highest commission. He has a reputation to consider. And even if there were such a thing as totally independent advice, it may not turn out to be the best. The British Insurance Brokers' Association will supply the names of some specialist consultants. Write to Fountain House, 130 Fenchurch Street, London EC3.

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	Interest %	Interest paid	Tax	£ Min	Withdrawal
BANKS					
Deposit	8.5-9	½ yrly	To pay	1	7 days
Reg savings	11-11.50	¼ yrly	To pay	10/month	restricted
Lump sum 1 month	9.50-13	monthly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
Lump sum 3 mths	12-14.25	½ yrly	To pay	1-2,000	At notice
BUILDING SOCIETIES					
Share account	7.5	½ yrly	Paid	1	Demand
7 day	8.75	¼ yrly	Paid	500	7 days
3 months	9.25	¼ yrly	Paid	500	3 months
Monthly income	8.5	monthly	Paid	500-5,000	1-6 months
LOCAL AUTHORITIES Highest rate details tel. 01-920 0501 (after 3.30 pm)					
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10 years	11¼	¼ yrly	To pay	100-1,000	Fixed term
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NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK					
Ordinary account	3	Yrly	1st £70 free	1	£100 on dmd
*Ordinary account	6	Yrly	1st £70 free	500	£100 on dmd
Investment acc	11.25	Yrly	To pay	1	1 month
**Deposit bond	12	Yrly	To pay	250	3 months
***Mthly income bond	12	Monthly	To pay	2,500	3 months
NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES (29th issue). On sale until Feb. 12					
1-5 years	8	When cashed in	Tax free	25	8 days
General extension rate	9		Tax free		
*If kept one calendar year, starting Jan. 1.					
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***12¾ from Feb. 15.					
INDEX-LINKED CERTIFICATES	RPI Linkd +0.2% monthly	When cashed in	Tax free	10	8 days
YEARLY PLAN	9.06	When cashed in	Tax free	20 month	14 days
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Service	3	Yrly	To pay	5p	Demand
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Weekend Money is edited by Margaret Dibben

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BULLION SHARES	9.40	13.43
MONTHLY CONTRACT	9.00	12.86
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3 Years	9.00	12.86
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	6.75	9.64

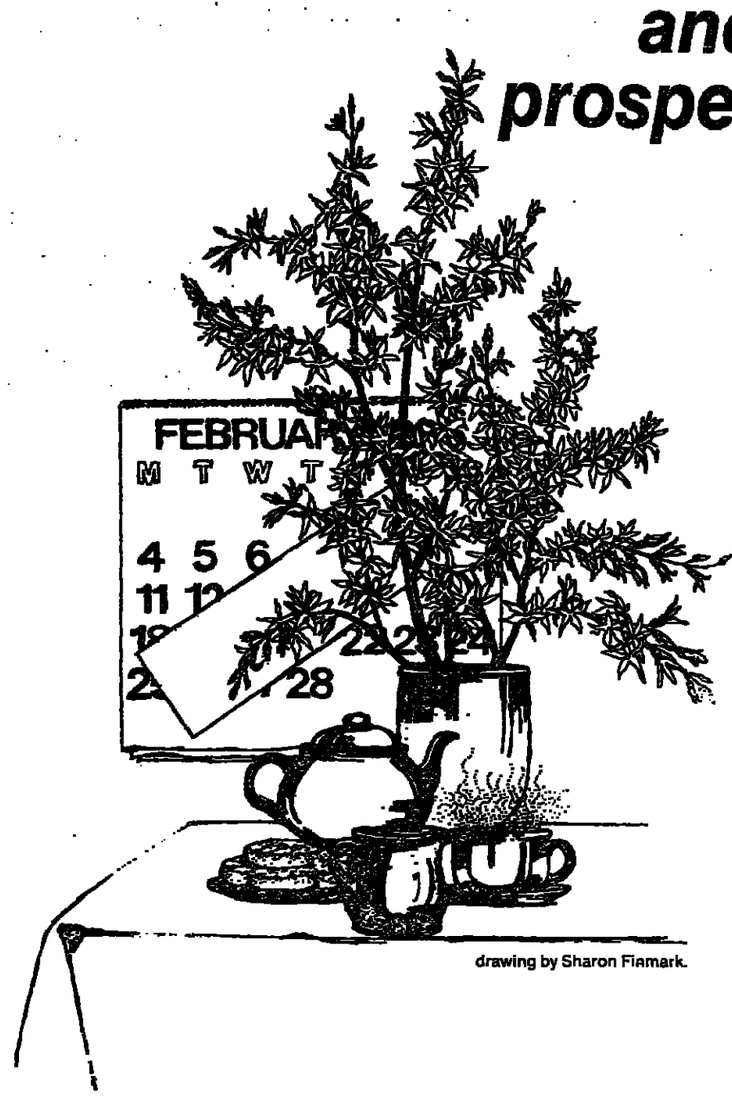
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Procrastinate and prosper



drawing by Sharon Fiamark.

Derek Senior believes that in February patience is a particularly pertinent virtue for gardeners

"WAIT AND SEE" may be no less exasperating a political prescription than it was in Asquith's day, but there are times when gardeners would do well to heed it. The weeks immediately following a spell of hard frost and heavy snow are certainly such a time. The urge to be up and doing after enforced hibernation should be firmly resisted in favour of a policy of masterly inactivity, of benign neglect.

For one thing, last month's arctic conditions may at any time return, but it won't be much use taking protective precautions against that eventuality if you didn't take them a month ago. For another, it will be several weeks before you can do more good than harm by trying to catch up with your delayed digging.

If you turn over frozen soil it will be months before enough warmth penetrates to the buried crust to make it hospitable to seedling roots. And if you don't, the slowly thawing particles of ice within it, combined with the melting snow on top of it and the inch or more of rain that melted the snow, will have so saturated it that you can't tread on it without compacting its crumb structure with equally damaging results. If February lives up to its dyke-filling reputation, you may have to wait quite a long time, but your patience will be rewarded if it saves you from sowing or planting in advance of a wintry March and April.

You will, of course, be anxious to find out how much damage the winter has already done, and to plan any necessary replacements. But again, don't be hasty: plants are often much more resilient than would seem possible after a severe frost. At the turn of the year I had in my plastic tunnel batches of lettuce (mostly Kwiek and Marmer) at all stages of growth from two-leaved seedlings to hearting heads, and when the night temperature dropped to 15 deg. F a week later the whole lot looked so moribund the next day that I was tempted to hoe them all off. Within three days, however, they had completely recovered; and the same performance was repeated a week later, when the minimum thermometer again recorded 15 degrees of frost.

Outdoors at head height the corresponding figures were three and four degrees F, and the flower buds that had been just about to open on my Hamamelis mollis and Prunus subhirtella autumnalis withered on the stems. I feared for the stems themselves, but a thumb-nail scraping of the bark revealed green cambium, proving that they were still alive and well. So were the first year growths on my kiwi fruit plants, unprotected though they were by anything more than the warmth radiated by a west-facing fence.

Even if your recently planted shrubs and trees fail to pass the thumb-nail test, don't despair. Some years ago I planted half a dozen different kinds of eucalyptus, only one of which was listed as winter-hardy. After the first hard winter, two of them lost all their leaves and showed only withered brown cambium layers right down to ground level.

One I impatiently dug up and replaced with a hardier shrub. The other I cut down to the ground but didn't get around to digging up until the following June, when it astonished me by having sprouted a thicket of healthy young shoots from its roots. And, again, this performance was repeated after the next hard winter. The resulting stems, thinned to the three strongest, are now some 20 feet tall and fully clothed with unblemished foliage and healthy shoot tips.

Last winter I protected a seedling Acacia dealbata by stretching a bottomless polythene bag round four bamboos stuck in the ground around it. It came through unscathed, and put on so much growth that by the end of the year such protection had become impracticable. So I chanced its luck, and being on an east-facing wall it took the full force of the Siberian gale that greatly aggravated the menace of the frostiest night. Its foliage is now grey and bedraggled, and its main stem won't pass the thumb-nail test. Yet I still cherish hopes that my optimism will no be too drastically punished. I shall cut it back severely and expect to see it give some sign of life by midsummer.

Unless we get still fiercer frosts this month I no longer have doubts about the survival of the cistus, embothrium, fuchsia, and hibiscus plants that I put out from containers rather late in the autumn. They don't look too happy, but I'm content to wait and see.

There are, I should add, a few things we can usefully do in the garden this month while we are waiting. We can, for instance, cloche July-planted strawberries for a late May crop of top-size berries, having first weeded the bed, sprinkled slug bait on it, removed all the old leaves, and drawn the new ones through finger-holes in a covering of black polythene. We can also prune late-flowering clematis to the lowest axillary buds that show signs of sprouting, and thereafter pinch out the growing points of each shoot beyond its second pair of leaves, to ensure a wealth of bloom at a low enough level to be properly enjoyed. And we can cut long bud-laden sprays of forsythia to put in a large vase of water indoors, where they will light up a room with masses of bright yellow flowers within a week or so.

Indoors, too, we can watch for the first shoots — leaf or bud — to arise from rested hippeastrum bulbs, scrape away the compost round each down to the highest roots, replace it with fresh J1P 3 up to the widest part of the bulb, and give it a thorough soaking. And if we haven't already done so, we can set seed potatoes (rose end up) in trays in a well lit, warmish place to sprout. On some varieties with sparse and shallow eyes, it is not always easy to recognise the rose end, but nearly always easy to see which end it is not — namely, the one that carries the hard vestigial stump of the root by which it was attached to the plant.

Odd jobbing

IN the past, I, too, have always done my digging on unfrosted ground. But recently I was talking to a professional gardener who reckoned that there was little harm in turning in some frost. Indeed, he had done so at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley. So this year, faced with a heavy soil not yet dug, I shall experiment.

Doing some of the work on lightly frosted ground will undoubtedly bring some advantages. It will be a much cleaner job; there will be no puddling of the hard ground; and there will be plenty of time for the clods to be broken down by frosts. I shall await the results with interest.

My digging parties are always brightened by the presence of a friendly robin who devours chafer grubs (white bodied, red headed, soft caterpillar-like baddies), wireworms (nasty looking blunt nosed, shiny orange, 10mm long beasts) and other such morsels as my spade throws to light. When both ground and water are frozen, the birds do appreciate food and water put out for them.

As I write, large flakes of snow are falling again. This will mean more shaking of hedges and evergreens shortly. If you have not already done so, it is worth tying together the branches of small conifers, pulling the branches towards the main stem so the snow cannot bend them back and break them off.

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Martyn Harris on plus and minus factors in the private house market

Ours is a nice house, ours is — but where do we put the wellies?

WHILE council house building is sinking fast, the new private house market remains astonishingly buoyant. Almost 170,000 new houses were started in 1983, the highest number for 10 years, and last year builders completed 164,000 — the best for 11 years.

Meanwhile, unemployment is the highest ever, the British population is not growing, and new homes cost at least a tenth more than equivalent second-hand ones. So who are the buyers now? Where are they coming from, and why do they want to buy new houses at all?

Part of the growth is due to the relatively cheap mortgages of the last four years and to the increased threshold on tax relief. But the National House Building Council believes the main cause lies elsewhere. Although population has not grown since 1974 the number of separate households has increased by 6 per cent, and single person households by 28 per cent, largely due to the increased divorce rate (79,000 in 1971, 158,000 in 1981) and the greater numbers of old people living alone. A lot of the new houses have been one or two bedroom "starter" homes or sheltered housing for old people.



Shepherd homes in York

There has also been a steady drift of population to the south-east, which is reflected in prices. An average new house costs £43,000-£50,000 in London and the south-east compared to £29,000 in the north-west, Yorkshire and Humberside. Over one third of all new house starts are in London and the Home Counties.

If anything, demand for new houses is even greater than these figures suggest. The recently published interim report of the Inquiry Into British Housing from the National Federation of Housing Associations estimates that around 220,000 new houses a year will be needed until the end of the century. The reason they aren't being built is not lack of demand, but lack of land. To take one example, land in south Hampshire has rocketed from £25,000 an acre in 1973 to £200,000 an acre now. The cost of land can account for 40 per cent of the cost of a new house in the south-east.

Green Belt policies and the increasingly conservationist structure plans of the county authorities are starving builders of prime development land on city fringes, and the big builders have now banded together in an organisation called Consortium Developments to do some tactical arm-twisting. The group want to develop a series of new villages in and around Green Belt areas. The carrot is that they will do all the infrastructure of roads, schools and services. The stick is that if they are refused planning permission (as they almost certainly will be) they will appeal to the Department of the Environment, which in the present climate seems likely to grant permission. People want new houses in the south-east and the government desperately wants more jobs in the construction industry, especially if it doesn't have to pay for them.

The reason people are prepared to pay the 10 per cent premium on a new house as against an old one seems to be mainly a matter of convenience. In the first place you don't need to be part of an endless chain of buyers. If the builder is prepared to take your old house in part exchange then you are not part of a chain at all, which is particularly important if, say, you are moving to a new job.

In the second place there are no repairs to do. No months of living in rubble and cement dust while the baby paddles in Cuprinol. Under the National House Building Council guarantee, which almost all new houses have, the builder must fix any defects for the first two years, and then any major structural problems for the next eight years. New houses are easier to look after, too. Doors and windows are usually stained hardwood so you don't need to paint them. Floors and work surfaces are easy-to-clean plastics. There is usually a fitted kitchen, bathroom and wardrobes, while starter homes will even have carpets, curtains, furniture, pictures on the wall and a "fitted garden" landscaped and planted to your own specification.

So much for the pros. The major con is liable to be space. A modern semi looks just like a 1930s semi until you get close to it. Then you realise it is the size of a doll's house. Since the 1961 Parker Morris standards on minimum space requirements for council housing were abandoned in 1979, room sizes and storage space, in particular, have dropped in both public and private sectors. "Nowhere to put the wellies," "Nowhere to put the Hoover," are common complaints.

An average "master" bedroom is now no more than 100 square feet while living rooms are about 140 sq. ft. Ceiling heights are a standard 2.3 metres which is low enough to touch with a bent arm and claustrophobic for a tall person, especially now that ceilings are no longer properly plastered but smeared with drippy Artex. The average three bedroom private house has 10 per cent less floor area than a comparable council house. It also has less land around it than houses used to. Housing density for suburban semis in the 1930s was 6-10 an acre. On a modern estate it is more like 12-15.

One in four people in a recent Which? survey thought rooms were too small in their new homes. A half found doors didn't fit and a third couldn't open their windows. Other common complaints were: messy gardens (38 per cent); leaking plumbing (32 per cent); central heating not working properly (31 per cent) and insufficient power points (almost everybody). Only 28 per cent of the Which? sample found their houses "very good" while 24 per cent said they were "poor."

Fortunately the mock-Georgian and Home on the Range styles which predominated in the 1970s seem to be passing now and the trend is for a modest, understated vernacular, much influenced by the Essex County Council Design Guide principles with its emphasis on local materials and clustered, villagey street schemes.

The typical new house, the one that is being built by the thousand in Milton Keynes and Woodham Ferrers and London Docklands, is a two-storey linked terrace with a conventional fore-and-aft pitched roof in red pantiles. The elevations are earth-coloured or deep red brick with brown mortar and brown-stained hardwood window frames. It is flat-fronted except for a pitched roof porch (which may be an extension of the main roof). Dustbin sheds, garage doors and fences are painted in matt red oxide. The whole effect is muted, discreet and frankly rather dull.

Of course, there are little suburban rebellions all over the place in the shape of Georgian front doors with inset "fanlights," wrought iron gates, factory bubble glass windows, gloss painted woodwork, cartwheels and coachlamps. Which is just as it should be, for the private house has always been a projection of fantasy and status. Private refuge and public statement. The real reason, in fact, why we reject the rational, Corbusier machines for living in and opt instead for the "horrid little red mantraps" that D. H. Lawrence so despised.

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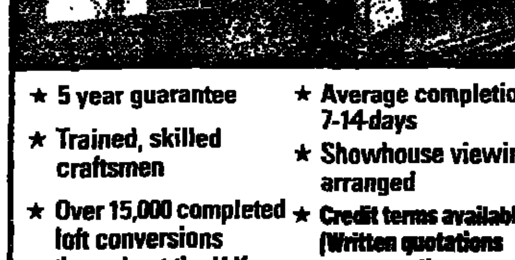
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Sunday 3 Feb 3.15 pm	SHURA CHERKASSKY (piano) Bach/Busoni Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C; Schumann Kreisleriana, Op.16; Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op.58; Gershwin Three Preludes; Strauss/Godowsky Wine, Women and Song. £2, £3, £4, £5, £5.50, £6, £7	Ibbs & Tillett Ltd
Sunday 3 Feb 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) John Lill (piano) Rimsky-Korsakov Entrance and Cortège of the Nobles (Mlada); Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1; Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures from an Exhibition. £2.50, £3.80, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9	RPO Ltd
Monday 4 Feb 7.30 pm	INSURANCE ORCHESTRA Philip White (cond) Maureen Smith (vln) Richard Pilkner (organ) Tchaikovsky Overture, 1812; Delius The Walk to the Paradise Garden; Philip White Violin Concerto (1st pf); Saint-Saëns Symphony No.3 (Organ). £2, £2.50, £3, £3.50, (only)	Insurance Orchestral Society
Tuesday 5 Feb 7.30 pm	*In the presence of HRH The Duke of Kent.* LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Klaus Tennstedt (conductor) Alfred Brendel (piano) Beethoven Piano Concerto No.4; Bruckner Symphony No.4. £3, £4, £5, £6.50, £8, £9, (only)	LPO Ltd
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.30 pm	YMSO James Blair (conductor) Vovka Ashkenazy (piano) Henze Heliogabalus Imperator; Schumann Piano Concerto; Respighi Roman Festivals. £2, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50	YMSO
Thursday 7 Feb 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) Dmitri Alexeev (piano) Saint-Saëns Danse macabre; Grieg Piano Concerto; Falla Three Dances from The Three-Cornered Hat; Stravinsky Firebird Suite (1945). £3.80, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 (only)	RPO Ltd
Friday 8 Feb 7.30 pm	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Günter Wand (conductor) Mozart Serenade in D, K.239 (Serenata Notturna); Stravinsky Pulcinella Suite; Schumann Symphony No 4. £1.50, £3, £4.50, £7, £9	BBC

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Tuesday 5 Feb 7.45 pm	ACADEMY OF LONDON Richard Stamp (cond) Sarah Francis, Thea King, Gavin McNaughton (bssn) Frank Lloyd, Maggie Hellewell (sop) Mozart Sinfonia Concertante, K.297b; Concert aria, Ah, lo previdi; Bassoon Concerto, K.191; Symphony No.29. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50	Academy of London
Wednesday 6 Feb 5.55 pm	CELEBRATING 1685 Bach/Handel/Scarlatti Gillian Weir (organ/harpsichord/piano) Bach Preludes and Fugues from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Books 1 and 2. £1.50 unreserved	Greater London Council
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.45 pm	ALDO CICCOLINI (piano) Mozart Sonata in B flat, K.333; Fantasia in C min, K.475; Sonata in C min, K.457; Liszt 6 Consolations; Funerailles; Mephisto Polka; Valse impromptu; Paraphrase d'opera, Lucia e Parisina £3.00, £3.50, £4.00, £4.50, £5.00	Dido Senger
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Tuesday 5 Feb 7.30 pm	NICHOLAS JONES (cello) GAYLE LIGHT (piano) 1st Performance of IAN PARROTT's Suite for cello & piano; Beethoven Sonata, Op.102 No.2; Lennox Berkeley Andantino; Shostakovich Sonata, Op.40; Granville Bantock Hamabdil. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50	W.H. Jarvis
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.30 pm	PAMELA KUHN (soprano) STEPHEN WILDER (piano) Schubert Five Settings of Goethe; Drei Gesänge der Ellen; Wolf Five Settings of Goethe; Mahler Four songs; Strauss Five songs. £2.50	Grapevine Concert Management
Thursday 7 Feb 7.30 pm	ARNE RICHARDS (harpsichord) Byrd Pavan and Galliard; Bach Partita in B flat, BWV 825; D. Scarlatti 5 Sonatas; Frank Stiles Sonata (Homage to Bach); Gerald Garcia Carolan Suite; Balbastre La de Caze; La Lugeac; Duphly La Forqueray; Médée. £3, £4 (only)	Association for British Music

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Wednesday February 6 7.45pm	NEW JAPAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Seiji Ozawa (cond). Kinshi Tsuruta (biwa). Katsuya Yokoyama (shakuhachi). Beethoven: Overture 'Leonore No 3'. Takemitsu: November Steps. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 6 in B minor, Op 74 'Pathetique'. £5, £3.50, £2.50, all others sold. *Sponsored by Mitsui Group.*
Thursday February 7 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Jacek Kasprzyk (cond). Douglas Cummings (cello). Berlioz: Overture 'Le Corsaire'. Elgar: Cello Concerto in E minor, Op 85. R Strauss: Don Juan. Britten: The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4, £3.
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Saturday February 9 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Maxim Shostakovich (cond). Viktoria Mullova (violin). Glinka: Overture 'Russlan and Ludmilla'. Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D, Op 35. Shostakovich: Symphony No 5, Op 47. £6.50, £5.50, £3, all others sold. *Sponsored by British Olivetti.*
Sunday February 10 7.30pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Philip Ledger (Director). José-Luis Garcia (violin). Emma Johnson (clarinet — BBC Young Musician of the Year, 1984). Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G. Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A, K 622. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons. £8, £7, £6, £5, £4. *Raymond Gubbay Ltd.*
Monday February 11 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Thomas Michalak (cond). Smetana: Sárka from 'Má Vlast'. Richard Nanes: Symphony No 2 in B. Rachmaninov: Symphony No 2 in E minor, Op 27. £8, £7, £6, £5, £3.50, £2.50. *John Higham International Artists Ltd.*
Tuesday February 12 7.45pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Yehudi Menuhin (cond). Colin Carr (cello). Vaughan Williams: Overture 'The Wasps'. Delius: On hearing the first Cuckoo in Spring. Walton: Cello Concerto. Elgar: Enigma Variations, Op 36. £8, £7, £5.50, £2.50, only.
Wednesday February 13 8.00pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Music from Spain. Nicholas Cleobury (cond). Neil Smith (guitar). Falla: Ritual Fire Dance. Bizet: 'Carmen' Suite. Rodrigo: Concierto de Aranjuez. Falla: Three Dances from 'The Three-Cornered Hat'. Chabrier: España. Ravel: Boléro. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50. *Raymond Gubbay Ltd.*
Thursday February 14 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Tamás Vásary (cond/piano). Beethoven: Overture 'Egmont', Op 84. Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor, Op 37. Symphony No 7 in A, Op 92. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4, £3.
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Tomorrow Feb. 3 3.30 p.m.	SHARON GOULD harpsichord £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80 Early Music & Bar. Ser.	Handel: Forest Music, Suite in A, Suite in E "Harmonious Blacksmith"; J. S. Bach: Prelude & Fugue in C BWV 924 and 952, Inventions & Sinfonias in C min, in F, Three-part Ricercar from "The Musical Offering," Italian Concerto; D. Scarlatti: Five Sonatas.
Tomorrow Feb. 3 7.30 p.m.	THE SONGMAKERS' ALMANAC £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2 Mendelssohn/Italian Series/ Ron Gonsalves	On Wings of Song "Auf Flugeln des Gesanges. A song biography of Felix Mendelssohn and his family and friends in the early years of his life. Sheila Armstrong, Cynthia Buchan, Richard Jackson, Geoffrey Parsons, William Relton.
Monday Feb. 4 7.30 p.m.	EINAR JOHANNESSON clnt PHILIP JENKINS piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80 John Higham International Artists Ltd.	Nielsen: Fantasy Piece; Saint-Saens: Sonata Op. 167; Sigurbjornsson: Drift (1st Lond. perf.); Honegger: Sonatine; Hovhaness: Lament; Brahms: Sonata in F minor Op. 120 No. 1.
Tuesday Feb. 5 7.30 p.m.	HANSON STRING QUARTET £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80	Mozart: Quartet in E flat K428; Kodaly: Quartet No. 2 in D Op. 10; Brahms: Quartet in A minor Op 51 No. 2. Grapevine Concert Mgt.
Wednesday Feb. 6 7.30 p.m.	PETER KATIN piano £5, £4, £3, £2 Manygate Mgt	Beethoven Programme Six Variations Op. 34, Sonata in F minor Op. 57 "Appassionata," Rondo in B flat, Sonata in A flat Op. 110.
Thursday Feb. 7 7.30 p.m.	MUSICA ANTIQUA COLOGNE £5, £4, £3, £2 Early Music & Baroque Early Music Network	Bach: Harpsichord Concerto in D min BWV 1052; Corelli: Santa Beatrice d'Este; Albinoni: Sonata in D min for 3 vlns, Wks by Battista & Legrenzi with Reinhard Goebel, Mary Utiger, Hajo Bass, Phoebe Carrai, Jean-Michel Forest, Andreas Staier.
Friday Feb. 8 7.30 p.m.	David Wilson-Johnson Robert Bridge, Iain Burnside, Louise Johnson, Leonora Kas, Gillian Coles, Timothy Phillips, Stephen Windes	MUSIC BY HUW SPRATLING: Four Aspects of Death Op. 26 (1st perf.); Momo Suite Op. 35 (1st perf.); Four Songs from Tennyson's The Princess Op. 24; Three Pieces Op. 36 (1st perf.); Septet Dunwich Op. 38. £5, £4, £3, £2.
Saturday Feb. 9 7* & 7.45 pm	NASH ENSEMBLE Felicity Palmer mezzo-soprano £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2 Amelia Freedman	*Berio: Sequenza IX; Haydn: Piano Trio in G Hob XV: 25; Mendelssohn: Concertstuck in F min for clarinet, basset horn & pno; Verdi & Bellini: Songs; Berio: Chamber Music; Beckerlai: String Quartet in C Op 37 No 7.
Sunday Feb. 10 3.30 pm	SOPHIE LANGDON violin SHELAGH SUTHERLAND piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80	Janacek: Sonata; Philip Hammond: Elegiac Variations (1st Lon perf); Bartok: Rhapsody No 1; Enescu: Sonata No 3 in A minor Op 25 "dans le caractere populaire roumain." Lilian Wick Concert Mgt.
Sunday Feb. 10 7.30 pm	MARIA ISABEL SIEWERS guitar £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2 Guitar & Lute Series Summerfield Ltd.	JS Bach: Lute Suite BWV995; Giuliani: Rossiniana No 1; Campana: Nexus 1985 (1st Lon perf); Duarte: Sonatina del Sur (1st Lon perf); Guastavino: Sonata No. 1; Ginastera: Sonata Op 47.
Monday Feb. 11 7.30 pm	PAUL BARRITT violin SUSAN TOMES piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80	Beethoven: Sonata in D Op 12 No 1; Kurt Roger: Sonata Op 44 (1st Lon perf); Janacek: Sonata; Beethoven: Sonata in G Op 96.
Tuesday Feb. 12 7.30 pm	VIENNA MUSIKVEREIN QUARTET £5, £4, £3, £2 Wigmore Master Concerts	Dvorak: String Quartet in E Op 80; Schubert: String Quartet in G minor D173; Beethoven: String Quartet in F Op 59 No 1. Charles McK Finch Artists Mgt.
Wednesday Feb. 13 7.30 pm	ROBERT TAUB piano £4, £3.20, £2.50, £1.80 Mendelssohn/Italian Series/Grapevine Mgt.	Leon Kirchner: Sonata (1st Lon perf); Mendelssohn: Scherzo a capriccio in F sharp; Beethoven: Sonata in C minor Op 111; Schumann: Davidsbundlertanze Op 6.
Friday Feb. 15 7.30 pm	JULIAN BYZANTINE guitar £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £2 Guitar & Lute Series P. Biddulph/J. Gray	JS Bach: Lute Suite No 1 in E min BWV996; Fugue & Allegro in D; Weiss: Tombeau sur la Mort de M. Comte de Logy; Martin: 4 Pieces breves; Brouwer: Elogio de la Danza; Smith Brindle: El Polifemo di Oro; Ponce: Sonatina Meridional.
Sunday Feb. 17 3.30 pm	NIKOLAI PETROV piano £5, £4, £3, £2 The Entertainment Corporation	Mussorgsky: Pictures from an Exhibition; Shchedrin: Sonata; Prokofiev: Tales of an old Grandmother Op 31, Sonata No 7.

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Tuesday Feb. 5 7.30 p.m.	THE MUSIC ENSEMBLE CHORUS. Keith Williams cond. The English Choral Tradition — Concert 1. Programme includes Byrd: Mass in five parts. Vaughan Williams: Mass in G minor (1922) for double choir. Concert 2 in this series will take place on April 20. £5.50, £3, £2.50, £2 — The Music Ensemble
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Friday Feb. 8 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIC REPERTOIRE ORCHESTRA. Edgard Meinhardt-Burbe cond. Luis Gonzalez-Fuentes violin. Sibelius: Symphony No. 7 in C op 105. Dvorak: Romance in F minor for violin and orchestra op. 11. Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E minor op. 98. Proceeds to OXFAM. £4, £3, £2 (NUS & OAPs £1) — Elisabeth Skinner

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SATURDAY

BBC-1

7 10-8 25 am Open University. 8 30 The Perishers. 8 35 The Littlest Hobo. 9 0 Saturday Superstore. 12 12 pm Weather.

12 15 **GRANDSTAND.** Including: Football Focus (12 20); news (12 50); snooker — Benson and Hedges Masters first semi-final (12 55; 2 5; 4 20); ski-ing — Ladies World Championship Downhill from Italy (1 30); boxing from Warrington (1 50); rugby union — Five Nations Championship, featuring England v France, Scotland v Ireland (2 25); Final Score (4 40).

5 5 **NEWS;** weather; sport; regional news.

5 20 **DOCTOR WHO.** The Mark of the Rani: 1 Colin Baker as the Doctor, time-warped back to the 19th century, to confront Kate O'Mara's khirgiz-eyed Rani and Anthony Ainley's fiendish Master. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 5 **JIM'LL FIX IT.** More dreams come true.

6 40 **LITTLE AND LARGE.** Eddie and Sid with music, laffs, and special guest Hank Wangford.

7 15 **ONE BY ONE.** 5: End of an Era. Based on David Taylor's Zoo Vet books, with seven more episodes to follow — despite the zoo being about to close and a callous stock taker off-loading the animals any way he can . . . Ceefax sub-titles.

8 5 **DYNASTY.** The Voice: 2. Distraught Claudia is still being taunted with violets — purportedly from dead hubbie Matthew, supposed to have been eaten by Peruvian jungle beasts after a car-crash. Hasty Tracy overplays her hand with Blake. And Patagonian strawberry-fancier Alexis dismisses Dex, in favour of a bit more sheikh, rattle and roll with old flame Ahmed. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 55 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER:** The Benson and Hedges Masters. David Icke presents highlights from the early stages of the second semi-final at Wembley Conference Centre.

9 45 **NEWS;** sport; weather

10 0 **MATCH OF THE DAY.** Jimmy Hill with coverage of two Canon League First Division matches; plus analysis, interviews, news round-up, pools check

10 50 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.**

12 0 ***MEAN JOHNNY BARROWS.*** *(1976). Directed* by and starring black actor Fred Williamson (in real life a former pro-football player). The gloomy, unconvincing storyline concerns a dishonourably discharged army veteran — fallen on hard times and reluctantly obliged to earn his crust soldiering for the Mafia. 1 25 Weather; close.

SCOTLAND: 12 15 pm Grandstand; including (2 25) Rugby Union: Scotland v. Ireland, plus highlights of England v. France. 10 0-10 50 Sportscene.

NORTHERN IRELAND: 12 15 pm Grandstand, including (2 25) Rugby Union: Scotland v. Ireland, plus highlights of England. v. France.

BBC-2

9 0 am pages from Ceefax. 9 20 Open University. 1 5 pm Pages from Ceefax.

1 45 **OLD ACQUAINTANCE.** Indeed it is, but there's always room for Vincent Sherman's entertainingly bitchy 1943 classic about Bette Davis's highbrow novelist, and her childhood chum, long-standing rival Miriam Hopkins, who's made a fortune writing trashy pulp romances. Both of them now after the same man, Gig Young.

3 30 **THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY.** George Seaton's gossamer-flimsy 1961 comedy, in which rich, debonair old playboy Pogo (Fred Astaire) arrives unexpectedly for the wedding of his daughter Jessica (Debbie Reynolds). Pogo's ex-wife and her new chap are enraged when the leathery old charmer decides that the local rancher isn't good enough for his little girl.

5 20 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.** David Icke with more best-of-eleven frames highlights from Wembley.

6 50 **A VOUS LA FRANCE.** Repeat of last Sunday's French-for-beginners class with Carolle Rousseau and Patrick Simpson-Jones.

7 15 **NEWS;** sport; weather.

7 30 **SOLTI AND THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY.** The Saturday Alternative arts slot catches the climax of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's major European tour under musical director Sir Georg Solti — combining with Radio 3 for a live relay from the Royal Festival Hall. Part 1: John Corigliano — Tournaments Overture (first UK performance); Mozart — Symphony No 39 in E flat. Part 2: Tchaikovsky — Symphony No. 4 in F minor. Plus Sir Georg, taking about his life and music, in the interval.

9 30 **FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE** (1970). Obscure, symbol-laden, deadly dull nightmare movie, about Robert Shaw and Malcolm McDowell — on the run, hands tied, at the mercy of a hovering helicopter, in Joseph Losey's unnamed landscape. Only one man gets through. To give you a clue who: Robert Shaw rewrote the thing during production. Place your bets now . . .

11 15 **WORLD SKI-ING CHAMPIONSHIPS.** More of that peculiar baying on the piste (do they do it to keep warm?) during the Ladies Downhill — with Swiss misses Michela Figini and Maria Walliser surely rostrum-bound. 11 50 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 8 30 The Wide-Awake Club. 9 30 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Space 1999.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including World Alpine Championships from Italy (12 20); news (12 45); On the Ball (12 50); International Athletics from Toronto (1 20); racing from Sandown and Stratford (1 40); boxing (3 0); Half-time soccer (3 45); wrestling (4 0); results (4 45).

5 0 **NEWS;** weather. Oracle headlines.

5 5 **BLOCKBUSTERS.**

5 35 **THE A-TEAM:** Sheriffs of Rivertown.

6 30 **THE FAME GAME.** Tim Brooke-Taylor and Stan Boardman's talent show had an original working title of The Electronic Hook — alluding to a contraption that yanks off the terrible acts, operated by a thousand sadistic computer-linked viewers. Tonight: impressionists. Including someone who does the entire cast of Auf Wiedersehen, Pet, alone.

7 15 **ALL STAR SECRETS.** Gary Glitter, Bernie Clifton, Su Pollard, Suzi Quatro and Derek Nimmo tell daft "secrets" about themselves to Michael Parkinson. Oracle sub-titles.

7 45 **T. J. HOOKER:** Blue Murder. Veteran lawman William Shatner goes after over-keen vigilante officers, popping off the city's most prominent villains. Oracle sub-titles.

8 45 **THE PRICE IS RIGHT.** Leslie Crowther hosts the vulgarly venal shoppers' game show.

9 45 **NEWS;** weather.

10 0 **ASPEL AND COMPANY** with company including Cliff Richard and Twiggy. London News Headlines.

10 50 **AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET:** Who Won the War Anyway? Repeat showing for the gang of Geordie brickies, guest-working in Germany, with Neville heading for the sack. Oracle sub-titles.

11 50 **MAGNUM:** Ki'is' Don't Lie. Tom Selleck tangles with a team of private eyes hunting a native artefact.

12 45 **BIZARRE.** Starring John Byner.

1 10 **NEW FROM LONDON:** Wrathchild. The glam rock/heavy metal band blast your ears off with a set that includes Trash Queen.

2 5 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Mathoor Krishnamurti. Closedown.

Channel 4

12 55 Everybody Here. 1 25 The Making of Britain: 4. The Cost of War.

1 50 **BRIGHAM YOUNG** (1940). Henry Hathaway's yawn-engendering account of the Mormon flight to Utah.

3 55 **SPOOKS RUN WILD** (1941). Phil Rosen's thoroughly puerile but zestful slapstick thriller about deprived summer camp kiddies (the East Side Kids) caught up in a scary old mansion with Bela Lugosi.

5 5 **BROOKSIDE.**

6 0 **THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS.** Paul Gambaccini meets Clive Davis, ex-head of Columbia Records, sent packing for dark reasons, who went on to found Arista Records and nurture the abominable Barry Manilow. Plus Kool and the Gang. News summary; weather.

7 0 **SEVEN DAYS.** Roger Scruton on capital punishment for the murder of policemen; Father Gerry Burke, exponent of liberation theology in Peru, now finds similarities in his work in a pit village.

7 30 **SHAPE OF THE WORLD.** 4: The Laws of War. Since 1945, 35 million people have died in over 150 wars. Max Hastings presents a personal view; a panel discuss his findings.

8 15 **AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS.** 3: Cracow, 1898. Andrzej Wajda's made-for-Polish-TV period drama, about two middle-class Cracow families, tonight focuses on young Julka — whom her mother would like to wed wealthy Judge Rowlewski. Julka prefers their radical poet lodger Jerzy.

9 45 **DEBUSSY: FEUX D'ARTIFICE / EN BLANC ET NOIR.** Swiss Armin Brunner, a blazingly original television interpreter of serious music, presents a unique visualisation of Debussy.

10 0 **HILL STREET BLUES:** Last Chance Salon. Belker goes undercover as an improbable beauty operator, in the enthralling American cop series.

10 55 **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO AL GREEN.** Word is out that the popular black soul singer turned preacher — born again after a Disneyland concert and personal crises — is on the brink of becoming the greatest evangelist the world has ever seen. *12 50 Close.*

S4C: 1 55 pm A Question of Economics. 2 25 Rygbi. 4 0 A Week in Politics. 4 55 World of Animation. 5 5 The Decade of Destruction. 6 5 Where in the World? 6 35 The Avengers. 7 30 Newyddion. 7 45 Sion a Sian. 8 15 Theatre Pwy? 9 15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10 35 Julia. 11 30 Film: He Walked by Night. 1949. 12 55 Diwedd.

Anglia
6 15 As London. 11 20 Battlestar Galactica. 12 15 As London. 11 50 pm Comedy Tonight. 12 20 At the End of the Day; close.

Central
6 15 As London. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 11 50 Shelley. 12 20 Close.

Channel
6 15 As London. 9 57 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 10 0 No. 73. 11 20 Tarzan. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5 10 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 11 50 Live from London. 12 45 Weather; close.

Granada
6 15 As London. 11 20 The Fall Guy. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Diff'rent Strokes. 5 35 As London. 11 50 Film: A Reflection of Fear. 1971 chiller with Robert Shaw, Sally Kellerman, Sondra Locke. 1 30 Close.

HTV
6 15 As London. 11 20 The Little House on the Prairie. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 11 50 Jazz Special. 12 20 am Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 11 50 pm Cup Rugby. 12 35 Weather; close.

South
6 15 As London. 11 20 The Green Hornet. 11 45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12 15 As London. 11 50 pm Jazz. 12 20 Company; close.

South-West
6 15 As London. 9 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10 0 No 73. 11 20 Freeze Frame. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Newsport. 5 10 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 11 50 Live from London. 12 45 Postscript; weather; close.

Yorkshire
6 15 As London. 11 20 Battlestar Galactica. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 As London. 11 50 The Master. 12 45 Close

SUNDAY

BBC-1

6 45-7 35 am Open University. 8 55 The Flumps. 9 10 De Bono's Thinking Course. 9 35 Computers in Control. 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Switch on to English. 10 55 A Vous La France! 11 20 Sunday Worship. 12 5 pm See Hear! 12 30 Farming. 12 55 Magic Roundabout. 1 0 This Week, Next Week. 1 50 A World of Dogs. 2 15 International Snooker. 4 5 Sporting Chance. London and South-East only. See below for regional variations. 4 35 International Snooker.

5 25 **THE PICKWICK PAPERS:** 5. Nigel Stock as corpulent Mr P. in the amiable Dickens dramatisation by Jack Davies. Ceefax sub-titles.

5 55 **HOLIDAY.** John Carter reports on a cruise with added culture; Anne Gregg checks out Copenhagen; and Frank and Nesta Bough come to the close of a French car trip in St Tropez.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **SONGS OF PRAISE.** Festival 85: Geoffrey Wheeler introduces Britain's top ten hymns, sung by massed choirs at Manchester Cathedral. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 15 ***BY THE SWORD DIVIDED:*** Escape. Beaten Charles the Second is doing the flit, in the latest helping of the costume drama. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 10 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.** The nail-biting final, frames nine-to-seventeen, of the Benson and Hedges green baize biggie.

9 0 **MASTERMIND.** Four more quivering contenders battle for a place in the semi-finals, answering questions on the history of South Africa since 1902; the fictional works of J. Conrad; the Vikings, 793-954; and the life and works of Janacek.

9 30 **THAT'S LIFE.** Mishaps, misprints, advice and jokes, with toothy Esther's team.

10 15 **NEWS;** weather.

10 30 **EVERYMAN:** The Mind Box. Why are some people made ill by stress — while others seem to breeze through life? Dr Dorothy Rowe, clinical psychologist and author, believes it's all to do with what she calls your mind box — or the set of unexamined beliefs about life and death each and every one of us acquired in childhood. She harks back to the good old-fashioned notion that depression is a symptom of underlying spiritual crisis: "Ancient writers on the subject said it was a lack of wisdom in living . . ." This programme looks at how Dr Rowe passes on the age-old technique of self-knowledge.

11 10 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER.** At long last, it's over. David Icke buttonholes the glowing new champion . . . 12 30 Weather; close.

Wales: 12 30-12 53 pm Farming in Wales. 1 50 Weekend Rugby Union. 2 40 International Snooker. 4 5-4 35 A Question of Sport.
Scotland: 9 10 am A Vous la France! 9 35-10 0 Switch on to English. 10 30-11 20 Seven Days. (Simultaneously with Radio Scotland.) 12 30-12 53 pm Landward. 4 5-4 35 Sportscene.
Northern Ireland: 4 5-4 35 pm Twilight Rhapsody.
England: 4 5-4 35 pm East: Commuter Quiz. London & SE: Sporting Chance. Midlands: A38: An English Road. North: Goin' Places. North-East: North Country. North-west: The Sweeney File. South: King's Country. South-west: Antiques at Home. West: A38: An English Road.

BBC-2

8 5 am Open University. 10 10 Pages from Ceefax. 10 50 World Ski-ing Championships. 12 0 Film: Robinson Crusoe on Mars. 1965 SF yarn with Adam West, Paul Mantee, and Mona the woolly monkey. 1 45 pm Horizon: A Mission to Heal. 2 35 The Great Art Collection. 3 10 Rugby Special. 4 15 Bridge Club. 4 40 One Man and his Dog. 5 25 Ski Sunday.

6 0 **NEWS REVIEW.** Jan Leeming presenting the news pics of the week, with sub-titles.

6 30 **THE MONEY PROGRAMME.** The first-rate finance magazine looks at "ambulance chasers" — sharpie American lawyers combing post-disaster Bhopal for stricken survivors worth billions of dollars in a law-court. Plus, the money-spinning music-men in the cinema game.

7 15 **THE NATURAL WORLD:** The Year of the Rat. This week the excellent natural history programme puts the pros and cons for rats. Ravenous vermin? Or attractive pets (??) who certainly contribute much to human health as silent sufferers of lab research.

8 5 **A WILL TO WIN.** Mick Morton was a world champion runner at eighteen — but a freak injury stopped him in his tracks. Four years and five painful operations later, he's lining up for a comeback race . . .

8 35 **INTERNATIONAL PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF.** Guest stars on the Turnberry green this week are Ronnie Corbett and Nick Faldo, seeing off competition from Patrick Mower and Johnny Miller.

9 25 **DID YOU SEE . . . ?** Lady Antonia Fraser and naval historian John Winton join Ludovic Kennedy to consider Victoria Wood — As Seen on TV; Dempsey and Makepeace; and Submarine. Plus a look at mother-and-baby programmes over the years.

10 15 **KNOCKBACK:** 2. Concluding half of the engrossing Brian Phelan film, based on a true life tale, about prison visitor Sylvia (Pauline Collins), falling in love with convicted murderer Alan (Derrick O'Connor). Alan is more hopeful now of an eventual release on licence. And both are resigned to a long non-physical courtship of the Victorian variety, so long as Alan has to kick his heels in gaol. Ceefax sub-titles. 11 55 Close.

ITV London

6 55 am Good Morning Britain including (7 2-8 0) Rub-a-Dub-Tub; (8 2) The Get-Along Gang. 9 30 Under Fives. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Never Mind the Handicap. 12 0 Weekend World. Will Gibraltar become another Falkland? 1 0 pm Police 5. 1 15 The Big Match. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 Film: Malta Story. 1953 war heroics with Alec Gunness. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Hart to Hart.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **HIGHWAY.** With Harry Secombe.

7 15 **GAME FOR A LAUGH.** More frantic antics with the fun-loving foursome and their sporting victims. Oracle sub-titles.

8 15 **THE PRACTICE.** In tonight's episode of Mike Stott's soap about sick people, Dr Vincent learns that a patient has fiddled a prescription: should she shop him to the police? Who are calling round anyway to feel the collar of nice young Dr Armitage . . . Oracle sub-titles.

8 45 **THE BEIDERBECKE AFFAIR:** That Was a Very Funny Evening. Crises all round in Alan Plater's chills and chuckles thriller — with James Bolam and Barbara Flynn as the undeadly duo tracking down the villains. Oracle sub-titles.

9 45 **NEWS;** weather.

10 0 **SPITTING IMAGE.**

10 30 **THE SOUTH BANK SHOW.** Presenting a glittering production of one of the musical msterpieces of the century: Stravinsky's opera/oratorio Oedipus Rex, composed in 1927 for the twentieth anniversary of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, with a libretto by Jean Cocteau. It's conducted by Bernard Haitink with the Concergebouw Orchestra at the Carre Theatre, Amsterdam, and was directed and designed by Harry Wich. The cast includes Neil Rosenscheim and Felicity Palmer. Actor Alan Howard narrates. London News Headlines.

11 30 **WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE:** Six-Up to Bannach. Starring Steve McQueen. Bounty hunter Josh Randall rides a stage-coach full of dynamite to Bannach — hoping to get his prisoner back there before an innocent man swings for a crime he never committed.

11 55 **THAT'S HOLLYWOOD:** The Fox Tots. A look at cute kids in the movies, including Jackie Cooper, Roddy McDowall, Mickey Rooney, Shirley Temple — and the early appearances of Natalie Wood, Judy Garland, and Elizabeth Taylor.

12 20 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Monsignor John Crowley. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Irish Angle. 1 30 Face the Press: BBC Chairman Stuart Young. 2 0 A Question of Economics. 4: What's Happend to Inflation? 2 30 Film: That Night in Rio (1941). Musical comedy with Don Ameche, Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda. 4 10 Silent Laughter: Haunted House (with Buster Keaton); Soldier Man (with Harry Langdon).

5 0 **THE AMATEUR NATURALIST.** 3: Jam Jar Jungle. Gerald and Lee Durrell trawl a pond-bottom and find a water spider living in a diving-bell bubble, and a dragonfly in metamorphosis.

5 30 **THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME.** Can Norman Tebbit really clean up the City? And why are British exporters throwing away £50 million a year?

6 15 **AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL:** 2. The rough Aussie sport where men are men, and the injuries multiple. Tonight showing last year's Victoria Football League final between Hawthorn and Essendon.

7 15 **THE FALCONER'S TALE.** Meet tough Jemima Parry Jones — controversial conservationist and one of the few women falconers around.

8 15 **JULIA.** Final prog of three has sultry Hispanic American soprano Julia Migenes Johnson pleasing as many fans as poss — with a viewers' request show, featuring much-loved snatches from opera, operetta, and musicals. The guests include Marilyn Hill Smith, Jean Bailey, Peter Knapp and Ramon Remedios.

9 15 **THE PRICE:** 4. Over which millionaire Peter Barkworth is haggling, in a repeat of last Thursday's episode of the splendidly written and performed IRA kidnapping saga.

10 15 **THE ROARING TWENTIES.** Raoul Walsh's superb semi-documentary from 1939: First World War veterans James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart build a bootleg empire, while their old comrade-in-arms Jeffrey Lynn pursues a legal career, hits the dizzy heights of the District Ottorney's office, and decides to indict Bogart — in spite of a threat against his infant son. Writer Mark Hellinger claimed he was drawing on true facts and figures for the story: the Cagney role is based on hoodlum Larry Fay; and Gladys George's Panama Smith is evidently meant to be Texas Guinan.

S4C: 2 10 pm The Living Body. 2 35 Gardeners' Calendar. 3 5 Film: Brigham Young. 1940 biopic with Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Dean Jagger. 5 0 Piglets and Cream. 5 30 The Business Programme. 6 15 Australian Rules Football. 7 15 Hanner Dwsin. 7 20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7 25 Newyddion. 7 30 Galw Gari. 8 10 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8 50 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9 20 Hill Street Blues. 10 20 Sawcer. 12 30 Diwedd.

Anglia
6 55 As London. 9 30 Perspective. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Under Fives. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Just Our Luck. 1 25 Weather Trends. 1 30 Farming Diary. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: The Disappearance of Flight 412 (1974), with Glenn Ford, Bradford Dillman. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 The Fall Guy. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Magnum. 12 25 People Like Us; close.

Central
6 55 As London. 9 25 Wattoo, Wattoo. 9 30 The Flying Kiwi. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Under-Fives. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Star Fleet. 1 30 Here and Now. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: Terror in the Sky with Leif Erickson, Doug McClure, Roddy McDowall. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Return of the Saint. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Peterborough Country Music Festival. 11 55 Close.

Channel
6 55 As London. 9 25 Close. 12 55 Starting Point. 1 0 Getting On. 1 30 Baby and Co. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Summer of '84: Battle '84; The Royal Visit; The North Show. 4 30 Terrahawks. 5 0 Whose Baby? 5 30 Supergran. 6 0 Bullseye. 6 30 As London. 11 30 The Big Match. 12 15 Weather; close.

Granada
6 55 As London. 9 25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9 35 Window on the World. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Under-Fives. 11 25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11 30 This Is Your Right. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Champions. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: The Night Rider (1979) with David Selby, Percy Rodrigues. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 The Love Boat. 6 0 Bullseye. 6 30 As London. 11 30 The Timeless Land. 12 35 Close.

HTV
6 55 As London. 9 25 Home Cookery Club. 9 30 The Italian Connection. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Under Fives. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Survival. 1 30 Farming Wales. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Gemma, Girls and Gershwin. 4 0 The Making of Supergran. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Magnum. 6 30 As London. 11 30 War. 12 30 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 9 30-10 0 am Encounter. 1 0-1 30 Darts. 2 0-2 30 Celebration.

South
6 55 As London. 9 25 Action Line. 9 35 Atom Ant. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Link. 11 30 Under-Fives. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Agenda. 1 30 Enterprise South. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 The Big Match. 3 15 Film: The Prince and the Pauper. 1977 swashbuckler with Mark Lester, Oliver Reed, Raquel Welch. 5 25 TVS News. 5 30 Supergran. 6 0 Bullseye. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Streets of San Francisco. 12 30 Company; close.

South-West
6 55 As London. 9 30 Link. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Under-Fives. 11 25 Look and See. 11 30 Farming News. 11 55 Postscript. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 The South-west Week. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 Liveline 2. 5 30 Supergran. 6 0 Bullseye. 6 30 As London. 11 30 The Big Match. 12 15 Postscript; weather; close.

Yorkshire
6 55 As London. 9 25 Link. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Under-Fives. 11 30 Farming Diary. 12 0 Weekend World. 1 0 The Champions. 2 0 Encounter. 2 30 Magnum. 3 30 The Big Match Special. 4 30 Supergran. 5 0 Bullseye. 5 30 Chips. 6 30 As London. 11 30 The Irish RM. 12 30 Five Minutes; close.

RADIO

Saturday February 2 1985

SATURDAY

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Adrian John. 1 0 pm Punk to Present. 2 0 Paul Gambaccini. 4 0 Saturday Live. 6 30 In Concert: Partners in Crime and Scorched Earth. 7 30 Phil Kennedy. 9 30 - 12 0 am Dixie Peach.

Radio 2

4 0 am Chris Jones. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 David Jacobs. 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 1 0 pm The Impressionists. 1 30 Sport on 2. 5 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Beat the Record. 7 30 Hooked on 2. 9 30 Big Band Special. 10 5 Steve Jones. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Patrick Lunt. 3 0-4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.

8 0 News; Record Review: Chopin Piano Sonata No. 2; Schoenberg's Moses und Aron (Solti); pre-classical music.

10 15 Stereo Release. Medieval songs (Paul Hillier, baritone, Stephen Stubbs, medieval lute, Lena-Liis Kiesel, portative organ); Corelli: Sonata Op. 5 No. 1 (Sigiswald Kuijken, violin, Wieland Kuijken, cello, Robert Kohnen, harpsichord); Rameau: Cantata Orphee (Les Dominos Baroque Ensemble).

11 0 Robert Mayer Concert for young people. BBC SO/Seaman, Simon Preston (organ). Bach: Air from Suite No. 3; Elgar: Introduction and Allegro; Poulenc: Concerto for organ, strings and timpani; Tchaikovsky: Waltz and Finale from Serenade in C.

12 15 Thea King and the Budapest String Trio. Mozart: Adagio and Fugue in G minor; Kokai: Quartettino; Alessandro Rolla: String Trio No. 4.

1 0 News; Verdi's Operas: Don Carlos. 1867 five-act version. Sung in French with Joseph Rouleau (Philip II), Andre Turp (Don Carlos), Edith Tremblay (Elisabeth), BBC Singers and Concert Orch / John Matheson. Intervals at 1 40, 2 50, 3 55, 5 5.

5 45 Critics' Forum.

6 35 Bach Cantatas — 1724. Cantata No. 83: Erfreute Zeit im neuen Bunde. Vienna Concentus Musicus / Harnoncourt.

7 0 Jazz Record Requests.

7 30 Chicago SO/Solti (simultaneous with BBC-2). First UK performance of John Corigliano's Tournaments Overture; Mozart: Symphony No. 39.

8 15 A Life Misspelt by Zinovy Zinik. A Moscow clerk loose in London.

8 35 Chicago SO. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4.

9 30 Aldeburgh Festival 1984: London Sinfonietta / Oliver Knussen. Debussy: Syrinx; Jonathan Lloyd: The shorelines of certainty; Debussy: Chansons de Bilitis; (10 5 Interval); Toru Takemitsu: Voice; Orion; Jo Kondo: An Elder's Hocket; Takemitsu: Rain Spell.

11 0 Norway after Grieg. Kielland: Symphony No. 1 (LPO/Kielland); Geirr Tveitt: Suite No. 4 (Oslo PO/Gruner-Hegge); Ketil Hvoslef: Concertino (RPO/Dreier).

11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth. Garden tips.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Breakaway. Holiday guide.
9 50 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed.
10 5 The Week in Westminster with Hugo Young.
10 30 Pick of the Week.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; Money Box. Finance news.
12 27 Blandings. Stories by Wodehouse. 1: The Custody of the Pumpkin.
1 0 News; Any Questions? With Alex Carlisle, Patrick Nuttgens, Frank Field, Virginia Bottomley.
2 0 News; Afternoon Play: Marche Militaire, by Brian Miller.
3 0 News; Lexicon of Laughter: 1.
3 30 Maharaj. Court life in India.
4 15 Do You Come Here Often? Women dating men.
4 45 A Sideways Look at . . .
5 0 Wildlife on "creepy crawlies."
5 25 Week Ending. Satirical revue.
6 0 News.
6 25 Desert Island Discs: actress Julie Walters.
7 5 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.
7 45 Baker's Dozen.
8 30 Saturday Night Theatre: The Killing of Martin Hoffnung: Spy thriller by Michael Davies.
10 0 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 Soundings. Moral issues.
11 0 Science Now. Weekly lab report.
11 30 The Wow Show presents "Snogged Across the Borders." Spoof play.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 30 If You Don't Get Up You'll Miss It. 8 30 Playday. 9 30 Good Golly Miss Molly! 11 3 Saturday Roadshow. 1 5 pm Sportstime. 1 15 Sporting Ties. 1 45 Roy Noble. 2 30 Sportstime. 6 25 Let's Pop Back. 7 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 7 45 Byd Amaeth. 8 0 Newyddion: Dros fy Sbectol. 8 15 Ribidires. 9 0 Newyddion; Gwyliau '85. 9 40 Cadw Reiat. 11 30 Sgwpasbigyn. 12 2 pm Byd y Bel. 12 30 Cwlwm Pump. 1 0 Newyddion; Crafu'r Gwaelod. 1 35 Ar y Ffordd. 2 30 Chwarlaeon. 6 25-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 32 Farming News. 7 0 As Radio 4. 7 10 Travel Time. 7 35 Weekly Report. 8 0 News; Leisure Trail. 9 3 Top Forty Show. 10 30 Call David Scott. 11 30 Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 3 Gerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Sportsound. 6 0 News; Take the Floor. 7 30 Nashville Express. 8 30-Close As Radio 4.

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SUNDAY

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Paul Gambaccini and Tim Rice. 12 30 pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2 30 Bruno Brookes. 4 30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Robbie Vincent. 11 0-12 0 midnight Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations.

Radio 2

4 0 am Chris Jones. 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Paul McDowell. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 pm Brian Matthew Presents Two's Best. 2 0 Benny Green. 3 0 Alan Dell. 4 0 Listen to Les. 4 30 Sing Something Simple. 5 0 Charlie Chester. 6 30 Virginia Wade Has . . . a Word with Williams. 7 0 Black Magic. 7 30 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9 0 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Andy Vinter. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Patrick Lunt. 3 0-4 0 Brian Matthew Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; English Chamber Orchestra.

8 0 Bach Cantatas — 1724. Cantata No 144 (Collegium Vocale / Leonhardt Consort); Two Sonatas (Musica Antiqua Cologne); Cantata No 81 (Vienna Concentus Musicus / Harnoncourt).

9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Shostakovich: Festival Overture; Romance; Tahiti-Trot (USSR State SO / Svetlanov); Ruebke: Sonata on the 94th Psalm (John Scott, organ); Beethoven: Triple Concerto (Anne-Sophie Mutter / Yo Yo Ma / Mark Zeltser / Berlin PO / Karajan).

10 30 Music Weekly.

11 15 From the Proms 1984. Robert Bridge / Jonathan Higgins (pianos), Tristan Fry / James Holland (percussion), Electric Phoenix, BBC SO / Howarth. Birtwistle: Three Movements with Fanfares; Nomos; (11 45 Interval); Bartok: Sonata for two pianos and percussion; (12 20 Interval); Berio: Sinfonia.

1 5 Handel: Concerto Grosso in F; Concerto in B flat; Water Music Suite. Ursula Holliger (harp), English Concert / Pinnock.

1 55 Cello and Piano (Markus Stocker, Michael Dussek). Othmar Schoeck: Sonata; Frank Martin: Ballade.

2 30 City of Birmingham SO / Rattle; John Williams (guitar), Peter Walden (oboe d'amore). Schubert: Symphony No 5; Takemitsu: Vers l'arc-en-ciel, Palma (first performance).

3 15 The Kingship of Charles II. Talk by Dr John Morrill.

3 35 CBSO. Rodrigo: Concierto de Aranjuez; Debussy: Iberia.

4 25 Godi, Firenze. 15th century Florentine music. Landini Consort.

5 15 The Reluctant Virtuoso. Profile of violinist Oscar Shumsky.

6 15 John McCabe (Mosaic). Liszt (Spanish Rhapsody), and Philip Wolby (Three Concert Studies). Martin Roscoe (piano).

7 0 The Theban Plays. Sophocles' trilogy in a translation by Robert Fagles. 1: Oedipus the King. With Tim Pigott-Smith as Oedipus, Sian Phillips as Jocasta.

8 50 Haydn: The Creation. Sung in German with Eiddwen Harrhy (sop), Maldwyn Davies (tenor), David Thomas (bass), Schutz Choir, London Classical Players, cond Roger Norrington.

11 0 Alicia de Larrocha (piano). Soler: Two Sonatas; Mompou: Musica Callada, Book IV; Oscar Espla: Sonata Espanola.

11 57 News.

Medium wave: 7 5-11 15 am Cricket: Fifth Test from Kanpur.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Morning has Broken.
7 0 News; Sunday Papers; 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye; 7 45 Bells; 7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause: Baby Life-Support Systems.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 Weekend: Skin Deep — views of beauty.
12 0 Smash of the Day: Educating Archie.
12 30 The Food Programme: Are we free to choose what we eat?
1 0 The World this Weekend: News.
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits London.
2 30 Afternoon Play: Quintet in October, by Allan Massie. Family gathering at a funeral.
3 45 Tales from Palm Court? A judge in the South Pacific.
4 0 News; Talking about Antiques.
4 30 The Living World.
5 0 News; Down Your Way in Norfolk.
6 0 News.
6 15 Feedback.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 0 The Great Impersonation, by E. Philips Oppenheim. Drama serial, 1: Old Friends Meet.
7 30 You Can't Shut Out the Human Voice: Prose and poetry by or about prisoners of conscience.
8 30 Mad Dogs and Englishmen. Unusual sports.
9 0 News; Cousin Bazilio, by Eca De Queiroz. Drama serial. 1: A Wanderer Returns.
10 0 News.
10 15 Unhappy Disturber of Our Peace. Relationship between 18th century actress Sarah Siddons and painter Sir Thomas Lawrence.
11 0 The Savage Pilgrimage. The road to Roman Catholicism.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 6 45-7 15 am Open University. 4 0-6 0 pm Study on 4.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 8 55 Week's Good Cause. 9 5 All Things Considered. 9 45 Ear to the Ground. 10 15 The Geevers Selection. 10 45 Sounds Unforgettable. 12 3 pm Radio Brynsiencyn. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Male Voice Choir Competition. 2 0 Oa Show. 2 30 Concert Hall. 3 30 In Performance. 4 2 As Radio 4. 4 30 As Cymru. 5 0 As Radio 4. 12 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 45 Open University. 7 45 Gweler Radio 4. 8 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 8 10 Bore Sul. 9 0 Newyddion; Papurau. 9 10 Segura. 9 50 Pinlwa. 10 30 Ffresgo. 11 2 Cywair. 11 40 Apel. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm Wythnos i'w Chofio. 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Cerddwn Ymlaen. 2 30 Gweler Wales. 4 2 Garddio. 4 30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 30 Sain yr Utgorn. 8 0 Y Bumed Symffoni. 8 45 Gwyn Eryr. 9 15 Rhwng Gwyl a Gwaith. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Derfyn Dydd. 11 0-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Howard Lockhart's Greetings Programme. 9 0 News; Let Us Worship. 10 0 News; Just for Fun. 10 30 Seven Days. 11 20 Andy Cameron. 1 0 News; Gerry Davis. 2 0 News; Portrait. 2 30 The John Kerr Interview. 2 50 Tales of the Lochs. 3 0 News; Prospect. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 Case and Paper. 5 0 News; As Radio 4. 5 50 Sunday Extra. 6 0-Close As Radio 4.

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Prelude.
News; Farming Today.
Prayer for the Day.
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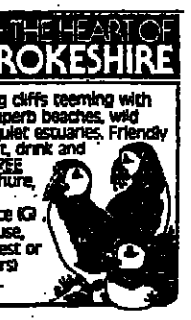
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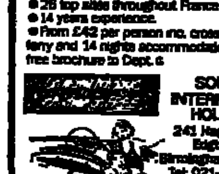
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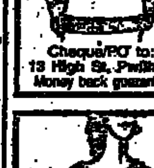
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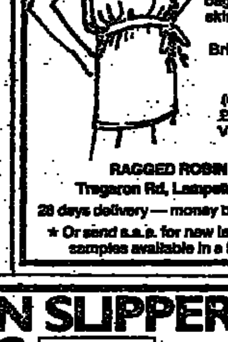
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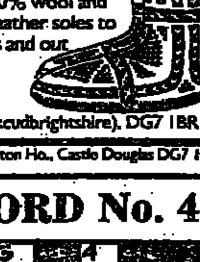
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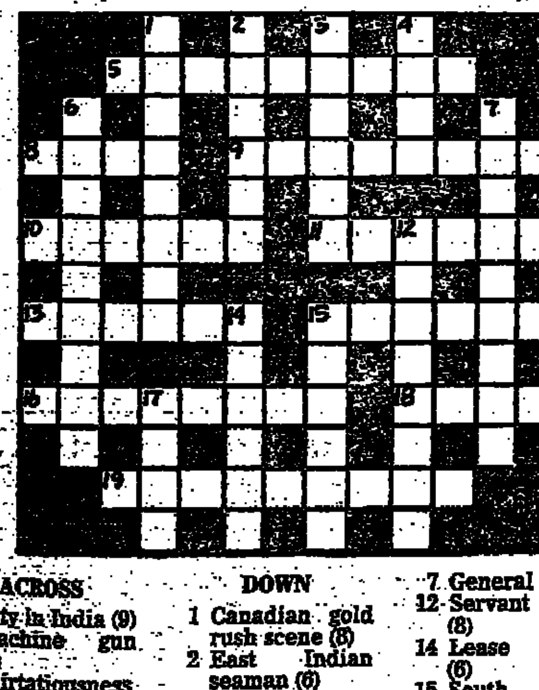
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ACROSS
5 City in India (9)
8 Machine gun (4)
9 Flirtatiousness (8)
10 Unit of fineness — unbeliever! (6)
11 Wandering as a knight (6)
13 Well able to speak (6)
15 Architectural style (6)
16 Celestial (8)
18 How some stand by? (4)
19 Compost maker (4, 5)

DOWN
1 Canadian gold rush scene (8)
2 East Indian seaman (6)
3 Comus, for example (6)
4 "Handle" (4)
6 Military hospital workers etc. (9)
7 General law (9)
12 Servant or fee (8)
14 Lease holder (6)
15 South American country (6)
17 Old stringed instrument (4)

Solution No. 4,623
Across: 5 Disgraceful; 7 Dyer; 8 Ballboys; 9 Nowhere; 11 Devon; 13 Prole; 14 Bookish; 16 Mystical; 17 Poop; 18 Someone else.
Down: 1 Tsar; 2 Bribery; 3 Scald; 4 Offbreak; 5 Dry your eyes; 6 Leytonstone; 10 Half-time; 12 Collier; 15 Scoot; 17 Pall.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Steve Bell



Clarke apology for gagging doctors

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

THE HEALTH minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, last night apologised for making the doctors chosen to advise him on the limited drugs list sign the Official Secrets Act.

In a statement which suggested he had been particularly embarrassed by yesterday's disclosure of the decision to silence the seven advisers, but that someone else might be to blame for the gaffe, the minister said: "The request to sign the Official Secrets Act is made more or less automatically. Perhaps in this case it was a little over-zealous. We shall be looking into this."

The advisers, led by Professor Alasdair Breckenridge of Liverpool University, were, said Mr Clarke "distinguished and senior people in whom we can have total trust. It is obviously important that they understand the value of the information to which they will have access."

The advisers have been hand picked in the face of a boycott by the British Medical Association and the medical royal colleges to advise the minister on which drugs should be banned from NHS prescription in the attempt to chop £100 million a year off the drugs bill.

Mr Clarke's apology followed widespread criticism from senior doctors and civil servants.

Dr Joe Collier, senior lecturer in clinical pharmacology at St george's Hospital, London, and a supporter of the principle of restricted lists, said: "The committee which decides on the drugs must be responsible to the profession and to patients, not to the Government.

"The use of the Official Secrets Act will turn the committee into the plaything of the Government."

A spokeswoman for the BMA said: "None of the BMA officers who sit on Government committees have signed the act, and they would not sign on principle."

A Department of Health spokesman insisted that members of all committees not covered by the Medicines Act were asked to sign

Unionist politicians defend regiment after shooting by IRA

IRA kills third brother

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in an IRA ambush yesterday as he waited in his bus to take children to their weekly swimming lesson.

Mr James Graham, aged 39, ran down the aisle of the empty vehicle to escape the gunmen, who boarded the bus and shot him several times from close range before he could draw his weapon.

Witnesses said the killers cheered as they ran to a waiting van and fired several times in the air, making their getaway towards the border with the Republic, eight miles away from the Co. Fermanagh town of Derrylin.

Mr Graham, from nearby Lisnaskea, the father of two teenage girls, had survived two previous assassination attempts. He was wounded when gunmen attacked him at home, returned fire and was awarded the British Empire Medal. Two of his brothers, Ronnie and Cecil, both members of the UDR were shot dead by Republican terrorists in separate attacks in 1981.

Mr Graham's killing provoked a backlash from Unionist politicians already angry at the way the regiment has recently been criticised. A 17-year-old joyrider was shot dead in Belfast last month by UDR men and last week a private from the regiment was gaoled for life after he admitted killing a Roman Catholic and six attempted murders.

Unionists said yesterday that the true character of the force was reflected in the lives and deaths of the Graham brothers.

The IRA gunmen fired through the windscreen at Mr Graham while he sat in the bus outside Derrylin primary school. No children had boarded. The school's headmaster, Mr James O'Rourke, said he heard eight or nine shots but it took him several minutes to realise what had happened.

Mr Graham is the 148th member of the UDR to be killed by terrorists since the regiment was formed in 1971. Of these, 121 were killed while off duty.

A large proportion of those deaths have come in the remoter areas of Northern Ireland, close to the border, where many Protestants serve part-time and regard membership as vital for the protection of their communities.

Mr Frank Millar, general secretary of the Official Unionist Party, said yesterday that politicians and churchmen who had recently criticised the regiment had to share the blame for the shooting. Similar sentiments came from Democratic Unionist Party politicians.

Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party—one of the regiment's most vociferous critics—condemned Mr Graham's killing.

Police arrested three people in west Belfast yesterday after an army foot patrol came under fire. Soldiers claimed to have hit an armed man at the scene. None of those arrested had gunshot wounds.



Police and UDR men examining the bus in which Mr James Graham was shot dead yesterday. His brothers Cecil (below left) and Ronald were also killed by terrorists





Terrorists murder German arms expert

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been found in a terrorist hideout in Frankfurt last summer.

Yesterday's killing, the authorities said, fitted in with the new strategy directed against Nato targets by the Red Army Faction and the French terrorist group, Action Directe.

In a joint statement on Thursday, the two groups vowed to continue "their West European revolutionary offensive" in bilingual statements to news agencies in Paris, and claimed responsibility for last week's killing of General René Audran, a senior Defence Ministry official.

Parallel to yesterday's killing eight homemade bombs damaged cars and homes of about 2,000 West German airmen and their families at the joint Portuguese-German base at Beja in Southern Portugal, used by the Luftwaffe for Alphajet training.

The leftist FP-24 group, which earlier this week claimed responsibility for a mortar attack on six Nato warships in Lisbon harbour, said it carried out the bombing, in which one woman was slightly injured by flying glass.

The murder closely followed the pattern of previous terrorist attacks on West Germany in the 1970s. The suspects, a man and a woman in their mid-twenties, rang the doorbell to Dr Zimmermann's home at breakfast time and said they had a personal letter for him. When he appeared, the attackers armed with a submachine gun, tied and gagged Dr Zimmermann and his wife and, placing him on a chair in another room, fired at least one shot into his head.

Dr Zimmermann died later in hospital.

The attack marked an increase in recent terrorist violence which can be expected to continue as leftwing prisoners pursue a hunger strike against solitary confinement. About 30 prisoners are now in the ninth week of their fast.

Shipyard strikers given deadline

By Peter Hetherington

The future of an award-winning shipyard was in the balance last night when workers walked out after rejecting management demands for a pay freeze as the price for winning an order for two cargo vessels.

Shop stewards representing 1,500 workers at the Sunderland yard of Austin and Pickersgill, which faces closure by June when work runs out, have been given until midday today to accept new working practices.

The extended deadline has been given by an overseas shipowner who has recently found the Wearside yard—a specialist in the building of standsrdised bulk carriers—a more attractive proposition because of the weakness of the pound.

Last night, British Shipbuilders, the state-owned parent of the yard, said: "The owner is concerned at the strike at A and P today. However, he has agreed to give the yard until midday to resolve its problems. The yard management, therefore, are seeking further urgent talks with shop stewards in an effort to find a solution."

Workers were given 48 hours to accept a package of proposals on Tuesday when senior stewards were told that failure to accept would result in the work going elsewhere.

BS says the productivity demands of the potential customer are well within the capability of A and P, which developed a world-beating design for a class of vessels, the SD14, in the 60s and 70s to replace the wartime liberty vessels. They are now built under licence overseas, and A and P won the Queen's Award for Industry.

Mr Tony Carty, convenor of shop stewards at the yard, said yesterday that the men had not received a pay rise for nearly a year. They did not object to changes in working practices—notably the introduction of new welding techniques on high quality steel—but resented the demand for a pay freeze. Wages were so low he complained, that workers were eligible for welfare benefits.

Labour MPs in the North-east believe that the managing director of A and P, Mr George Parker, is planning to lead a management buy-out. They made the claims in the Commons that week as the shipbuilding bill, which will wind up the BS redundancy scheme next year, completed its committee stage.

So far the Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit, has placed only British Shipbuilders' warship and composite yards up for sale.

The less profitable merchant yards, including A and P, were expected to remain part of BS for the next few years.

Labour MP for Sunderland North, Mr Bob Clay, supported by colleagues, has said that there are rumours about the merchant yards being sold as well.

Kinnock advises councils to avoid rates gestures

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night gave Labour councils a clear warning that they should not fight the Government's rate-capping policy with "gestures of resignation or loss of office."

He advised them to stay in power and do the best they could to protect their communities. "Better a dented shield than no shield at all," the Labour leader said.

In an opening address to the Labour local government conference in Birmingham, Mr Kinnock avoided taking a clear position on whether the councils should risk breaking the law by refusing to fix a rate next month.

This reflects behind-the-scenes pressure from council leaders after an attack in Mr Kinnock's new year message on their potentially illegal tactics.

This approach had not been thought helpful at a time when the authorities were attempting to stay united and to create maximum leverage on Mr Patrick Jenkin to make concessions. The councils have their first collective negotiations with the Environment Secretary on Monday.

"We don't want to weaken that broad coalition by wrangles over legality. We refuse to provide our enemies with public dramas or exciting excursions when our basic concern is — and must remain — jobs, services, and democracy," Mr Kinnock said yesterday.

He said that if Labour councils accepted Government rate limits and cut spending, as ministers demanded, they could be taken to court by local residents for failing to comply with legal minimum standards of service. But if they failed to comply with the rate limits they could face financial ruin and the loss of citizenship rights.

Although Mr Kinnock did not tell councillors how to make the choice between these two evils he made clear his preference for eventual reluctant compliance with the new rating law.

"We don't want idle speculation of action will follow what precise Government response," he said. "We refuse to surrender," the positions, the opportunities, and the powers that enable us to provide the protection, the representation, the mitigation of evils which the Tories wish to inflict on the people and the communities whom we serve.

"What our people — the people who elected us — are saying is 'better a dented shield than no shield at all.' Better a Labour council doing its best to help us than Government placed men extending the full force of Government policy," he said.

The coming period was of vital importance both for the Government and for local authorities, he said. "Patrick Jenkin is coming to the time when he hopes to wreak the maximum damage upon Labour local government, and to recover some of the territory that he has lost. For Labour the next six months will determine our ability to maintain effective local government through the rest of this Parliament."

The most effective way of resisting the Government and preparing the way for a future Labour Government was for councillors to secure the best possible conditions for the communities that they represent.

After Mr Kinnock had finished speaking, Mr Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth, interrupted Dr John Cunningham, the shadow environment secretary, to say that Mr Kinnock's argument had been outrageous. There would be no dented shields in Lambeth.

Pessimistic TUC seeks Acas aid

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ing table to talk about the problems within the industry. The executive unanimously have agreed there is no possibility of this union accepting preconditions of that kind."

Mr Scargill added that it would be only a small step for the NCB to accept there should be an open agenda.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, met the NUM executive for more than an hour yesterday in an attempt to find a new form of words to break the impasse. He told the executive that the board felt that its position was strengthening and that the numbers going back to work would increase this week.

Some TUC leaders fear that the board may harden its position still further. That fear was partly borne out by a passage in the NCB statement yesterday which said that it would resume negotiations only "when the union makes it clear they are prepared to have meaningful talks to accept the procedure to deal with the problem of uneconomic coal mining capacity."

Mr Eaton amplified the statement by saying: "The union have to accept that the board has the right to close pits if necessary and has the right to manage the industry without the union having a right of veto."

It appeared from the statement and Mr Eaton's remarks that the NCB was moving from a demand that the union agrees in advance of negotiations to talk about uneconomic pits.

Some members of the miners' executive are beginning to argue that the union should simply refuse to sign any settlement.

They claim this would represent such a reversal of long standing union policy that it would be better to abandon the peace process and simply return to work.

However, a return to work without agreement would leave the issue of the 600 miners sacked during the dispute unsettled.

The NUM's main hope may lie with the meeting next week between the board and Nacods. The executive of Nacods had decided to seek an urgent meeting with the board over what it regards as a "clear breach" of its agreement.

Mr Peter McNesty, the Nacods general secretary, said last night that any attempt to force the NUM to sign an agreement on the closure of uneconomic pits as a precondition to peace talks would be in breach of the Nacods agreement.

The Nacods deal, which Mr Eaton reaffirmed yesterday, provides for an independent third party review of disputed issues including closure

Thatcher 'on course'

By Colin Brown

Mrs Thatcher has denied that the Government had been blown of its economic course when it raised interest rates.

Speaking on the Channel 4 programme, A Week in Politics, she said that the Government did not like increasing interest rates but it needed to do so to restore confidence. "We did it — it would seem immediately it had that effect but one has to wait a little longer to see."

She did not respond to an invitation to estimate how long interest rates would remain so high. She said: "It will take as long as it takes."

She insisted that the Government had no target for sterling but stressed the importance of keeping wage rates down in the coming year to avoid further speculation

Ponting's top job

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that he sent the documents

Asked if he expected, in his dealings with Mr Ponting on August 10, that the matter was going to be resolved by resignation or disciplinary procedures, Mr Hastie-Smith replied: "It seemed to be perfectly possible that might happen."

But he denied telling Mr Ponting four days later, after a meeting about the affair between Sir Ewen Broadbent, second permanent secretary and the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine: "This is not going as smoothly as we had hoped. Ministers are jumping up and down."

He said he told Mr Ponting that there was a possibility he would be prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act.

Detective death hearing

Three people accused of murdering police surveillance expert Detective Constable John Fordham were remanded in custody until next Thursday by Dartford magistrates yesterday.

Kenneth Noye, aged 37, a builder, and his wife Brenda, 35, are charged with murdering the detective at their home in West Kingsdown, Kent. Brian Reader, of Wynn Road, Grove Park, South-east London, is also charged with the murder. Reader is additionally charged that he, with Kenneth Noye and others, handled stolen gold.

Abortion talks

Mr Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, will raise a debate on abortion in the Commons on February 11 — the first time the issue will have been debated for about five years. He favours a reduction in the upper time limit for aborton, and opposes "abortion on demand."

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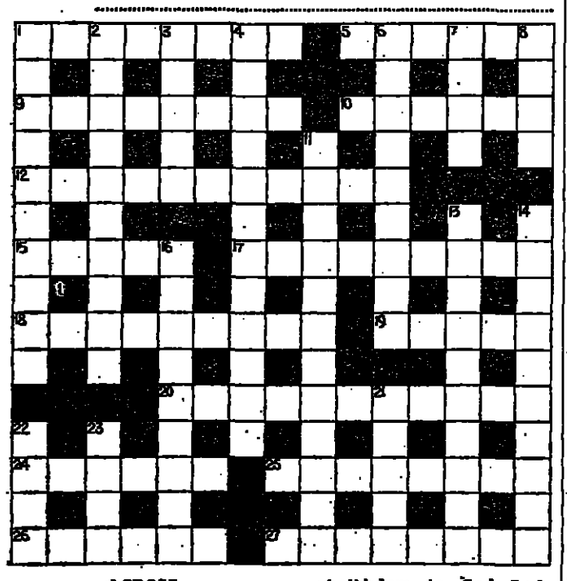
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ACROSS

1 Hill sheep: with 14, cold outside a ... (8).
5 ... blow the French put together (6).
9 Conclusive result, second half first with friend (8).
10, 13 Scent, subsequent to (with 14) ... (6, 6, 4).
12 ... RAF luncheon shown on TV (7, 4).
15 Refuse to take doctor round ship (5).
17 Ben Nevis is off back and possibly out before Cellini (9).
18 Hen makes a 20 do (9).
19 Sailor put in wrong vaccine (5).
20 Be mum and dispense tea with EEC perks (4, 1, 6).
24, 3 Post Office bugs Western sheikhdom to find Lady Dick? ... (11).
25 ... who, with 14, is a Lakeland sheep (8).
26 Fast, and designed to be so (6).
27 Beginning of telephone operator's round — fish (8).

DOWN

1 Companions take in old city matter from 21 near Cheltenham (10).
2 Treat badly along way, not quite like the Pentagon? (10).
3 See 24.
4 Small speculator scarcely improved? (6, 6).
6 Difference of three sons? (9).
7 Miss Wood? (4).
8 Fitzgerald, Eire's leader, upsets everyone (4).
11 Antidote of a different nature in forceful surroundings (7-5).
13 See 10.
14 Position captured? That is so, but ... (5, 5).
16 Assistants when team plays football? (9).
21 Colour that is rising in a duck (5).
22 Branch that may get hot (4).
23 What comes down gently with 4 will go up explosively (4).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION 17,149

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THE WEATHER

Mild, with some rain

A WEAK trough of low pressure will move NE over much of England, Wales and N. Ireland.

London, E. Anglia, Midlands, Cent N England: Mostly dry at first with bright intervals developing. A little light rain or drizzle later. Wind W or SW, light or moderate. Max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

SE, Cent S and SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Rather cloudy. Rain and drizzle at first persisting around coasts with fog patches. Bright intervals developing inland. Wind W or SW, light or moderate. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

E and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Rather cloudy. Mostly dry. Bright intervals developing. Wind W, moderate or fresh, becoming SW light. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

N Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Mostly dry at first but rather cloudy. Rain later. Wind W, moderate or fresh, becoming SW moderate. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Rather cloudy. Rain and drizzle at times. Hill and coastal fog patches. Wind W, moderate or fresh, becoming SW light. Max 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy. Outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow dying out. Hill fog patches. Wind NW moderate or fresh, becoming SW, moderate later. Max 3 to 5C (37 to 41F).

Outlook: Continuing mild and changeable.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

		C	F			C	F	
Algiers	S	17	63	Luxembourg	Dr	7	45	
Amsterdam	F	10	50	Madrid	S	12	54	
Athens	S	12	54	Majorca	S	14	57	
Bahrain	F	24	75	Malaga	S	17	63	
†Barbados	F	27	81	Malta	S	14	57	
Barcelona	F	15	59	Manchester	C	11	52	
Belgrade	S	8	46	Melbourne	S	18	64	
Beirut	C	16	61	Mexico	S	25	77	
Berlin	S	6	43	Montreal	C	12	54	
Birmingham	F	13	55	Moscow	C	11	52	
†Bermuda	C	-2	28	Munich	C	8	46	
Bombay	C	9	48	Nairobi	F	28	82	
Bristol	Dr	9	48	Naples	F	13	55	
Brussels	R	11	52	Newcastle	F	10	50	
Budapest	F	7	45	New Delhi	S	28	82	
†Buos Aires	C	26	79	†New York	Sn	-1	30	
Cairo	C	15	59	Oporto	S	16	61	
Cape Town	S	28	82	Oslo	C	-6	21	
Cardiff	Fg	9	48	Paris	C	11	52	
Casablanca	S	16	61	Peking	S	11	52	
Cologne	R	11	52	Perth	S	29	84	
Copenhagen	S	4	39	Prague	S	4	39	
Corfu	F	12	54	Reykjavik	S	-1	30	
Dublin	S	11	52	Rhodes	S	15	59	
Dubrovnik	S	12	54	†Rio de Jan	F	28	82	
Edinburgh	F	9	48	Riyadh	F	28	82	
Faro	S	17	63	Rome	F	15	59	
Florence	F	12	54	Salzburg	S	5	41	
Frankfurt	R	10	50	Seoul	S	5	41	
Funchal	S	18	64	Singapore	F	29	84	
Geneva	S	11	52	Stockholm	C	-3	27	
Gibraltar	S	16	61	Sydney	C	21	70	
Glasgow	F	9	48	Tangier	S	17	63	
Helsinki	Sn	-9	16	Tel Aviv	C	13	55	
Hong Kong	S	19	66	Tenerife	S	20	68	
Innsbruck	C	4	39	Tokyo	S	13	55	
Inverness	S	6	43	Tunis	S	16	61	
Istanbul	S	7	45	Valencia	S	17	63	
Jo'burg	S	28	82	Vancouver	C	6	43	
Larnaca	F	17	63	Venice	R	6	43	
Las Palmas	S	21	70	Vienna	R	5	41	
Lisbon	S	17	55	Warsaw	S	4	39	
Locarno	S	8	46	†Washington	Dr	1	34	
London	C	13	55	Wellington	F	18	64	
†L. Angeles	S	11	52	Zurich	C	8	46	

C, cloudy; Dr, drizzle; E, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow. †Previous day's readings.

TOMORROW

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	5.36 pm to 7.39 am
Birmingham	5.26 pm to 7.15 am
Bristol	5.39 pm to 7.14 am
Glasgow	5.24 pm to 7.36 am
London	5.33 pm to 7.05 am
Manchester	5.25 pm to 7.20 am
Newcastle	5.16 pm to 7.22 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	— am	...	12.01 pm
Dover	9.22 am	...	9.36 pm
Liverpool	9.32 am	...	9.37 pm
			7.57 am
SUN RISES			4.59 pm
SUN SETS			8.43 am
MOON SETS			6.43 pm
MOON RISES			1.53 pm

MOON: Full Feb 5

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 11C (52F). Total period: sunshine, nil; rainfall, 23hs.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs	Rain in	Max. temp C	F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	0.6	—	14	57	Cloudy
Birmingham	4.6	—	13	55	Bright
Bristol	0.6	.07	11	52	Drizzle
Cardiff	0.4	.06	10	50	Drizzle am
Anglesey	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Blackpool	—	.09	8	46	Dull
Manchester	—	.23	11	52	Cloudy
Nottingham	2.8	.09	12	54	Shwr am
Newcastle	0.1	—	11	52	Bright
Carlisle	—	.10	10	50	Rain pm
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	2.1	—	11	52	Sunny am
Bridlington	1.3	—	11	52	Cloudy
Cromer	—	.04	12	54	Bright
Lowestoft	0.9	.02	13	55	Bright
Clacton	4.6	—	13	55	Sunny
Margate	—	—	15	55	Bright pm
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	0.4	—	12	54	Cloudy
Hastings	—	—	10	50	Dull
Eastbourne	—	—	9	48	Fog am
Brighton	•	—	9	48	Cloudy
Worthing	—	—	10	50	Cloudy
Bognor Regis	1.5	—	11	52	Cloudy
Southsea	1.2	—	11	52	Cloudy
Swanage	0.1	.04	10	50	Dull
Shanklin	—	.01	10	50	Fog pm
Ventnor	—	.02	9	48	Fog
Bournemouth	0.7	—	12	54	Cloudy
Poole	0.2	—	12	54	Cloudy
Swanage	0.6	.02	10	50	Drizzle pm
Weymouth	0.2	—	10	50	Cloudy
Exmouth	—	—	13	55	Cloudy
Teignmouth	1.2	—	15	55	Cloudy
Torquay	—	.01	13	55	Drizzle am
Falmouth	—	.09	11	52	Drizzle
Penzance	—	.04	11	52	Drizzle
Jersey	—	.04	10	50	Drizzle
Guernsey	—	.04	11	52	Drizzle
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	—	0.4	12	54	Fog
Newquay	—	.05	12	54	Fog pm
Ilfracombe	1.4	.03	11	52	Fog
Tenby	0.6	—	11	52	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	—	—	13	55	Cloudy
Southport	—	.12	9	48	Dull
Morecambe	—	.21	8	46	Dull
Douglas	—	.10	9	48	Cloudy am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	—	.25	8	46	Rain pm
Prestwick	—	.11	9	48	Showers pm
Glasgow	—	.12	10	50	Showers
Tiree	—	.40	9	48	Hail
Stornoway	2.3	.19	9	48	Bright pm
Lerwick	—	.02	2	36	Snow
Wick	3.6	.13	8	46	Sunny
Kinloss	0.4	.09	7	45	Showers
Aberdeen	1.4	.04	9	48	Showers pm
St Andrews	0.6	.15	9	48	Showers
Edinburgh	—	.20	9	48	Showers
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.3	.12	9	48	Cloudy

TODAY

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Aryabhata R: (Feb 3 5.28–5.31 ESE° 70ESE E.

Cosmos 1517R: (Feb 3) 5.19–5.21 NE° 35NE ENE.

Cosmos 2208R: 19.12–19.18 W 20NW N.

Cosmos 546R: 18.37–18.41 W 25SSW SSE°.

Salyut 7: 18.23–18.27 WSW 20SSW S.

Manchester

Aryabhata R: (Feb 3) 5.28–5.30 E° 45SE ESE; 7.02–7.07 W 35SW SE.

Cosmos 1517R: (Feb 3) 5.19–5.21 ENE° 35 ENE ENE, 6.52–6.58 WNW 50NNE E.

Cosmos 2208R: 19.11–19.19 WSW 25NW N.

Cosmos 546R: 18.36–18.41 W 20SSW SSE.

Salyut 7: 18.23–18.26 WSW 15SW S.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cms) L	U	State of pist	Wthr	C
Andorra —soldeou	20	50	Fair	Fine	+4
Lower slopes heavy and slushy					
Arosa	115	130	Good		
Good skiing in most places					
Grass					
Montana	20	80	Poor	Thaw	+4
Slush on lower slopes					
Flaine	50	220	Good	Fine	+3
Crust forming offpiste					
Gstaad	25	50	Icy	Cloud	+1
Runs to resort icy					
Ischgl	20	120	Good	Cloud	−3
New snow on hard base					
Kitzbuhel	20	120	Good	Rain	0
Still snowing					
Les Arcs	40	110	Fair	Cloud	+2
Good skiing upper slopes					
Megeve	50	110	Fair	Cloud	+4
Worn patches lower slopes					
St Anton	20	150	Good	Cloud	+5
Good skiing upper slopes					
St Moritz	100	160	Good	Fine	+5
Good skiing					
Sass Fee	35	155	Fair	Fine	+8
Worn pistes on lower slopes					
Saalbach	50	90	Good	Fine	+5
Good skiing					
Verbier	60	145	Good	Sun	+3
Light powder upper slopes					
Villars	20	50	Good	Cloud	+7
Good snow on upper slopes					
Wengen	40	70	Fair	Fine	+5
Good skiing upper slopes					

TOMORROW

London

Aryabhata R: (Feb 4) 6.21–6.26 W° 55SSW ESE.

Cosmos 1517R: (Feb 4) 6.11–6.15 NW° 35NNW ENE.

Cosmos 2208R: 18.08–18.17 SW 40NW NNE.

Cosmos 546R: 17.48–17.54 W 35SSW SE.

Manchester

Aryabhata R: (Feb 4) 6.21–6.26 WSW° 40S ESE.

Cosmos 1517R: (Feb. 4) 6.11–6.15 WNW° 55N ENE.

Cosmos 2208R: 18.09–18.17 SW 55NNW NNE.

Cosmos 546R: 17.48–17.53 W 25SW SSE.

TODAY

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	5.34 pm to 7.41 am
Birmingham	5.25 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol	5.37 pm to 7.16 am
Glasgow	5.22 pm to 7.38 am
London	5.31 pm to 7.07 am
Manchester	5.23 pm to 7.22 am
Newcastle	5.15 pm to 7.23 am
Nottingham	5.21 pm to 7.17 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	10.54 am	...	11.30 pm
Dover	8.29 am	...	9.14 pm
Liverpool	8.39 am	...	9.05 pm
SUN RISES			7.38 am
SUN SETS			4.51 pm
MOON SETS			5.44 am
MOON RISES			12.52 pm

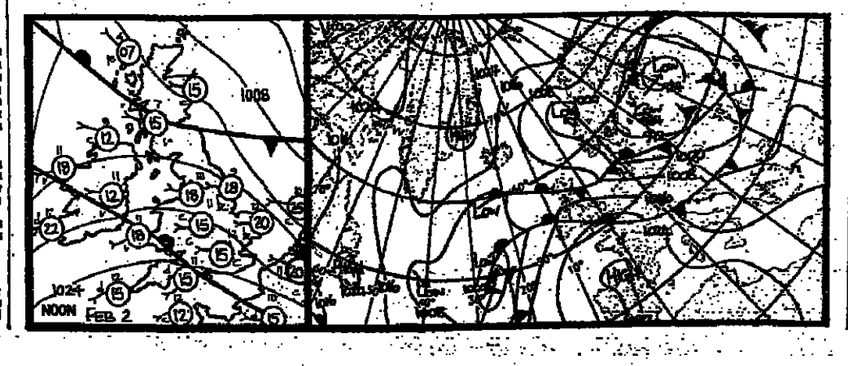
MOON: Full February 5.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Thursday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 10C (50F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 14C (57F). Total period: sunshine, 0.6hr, rainfall, nil.

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), Irish Sea: Rough, becoming slight. St George's Channel: Rough.



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